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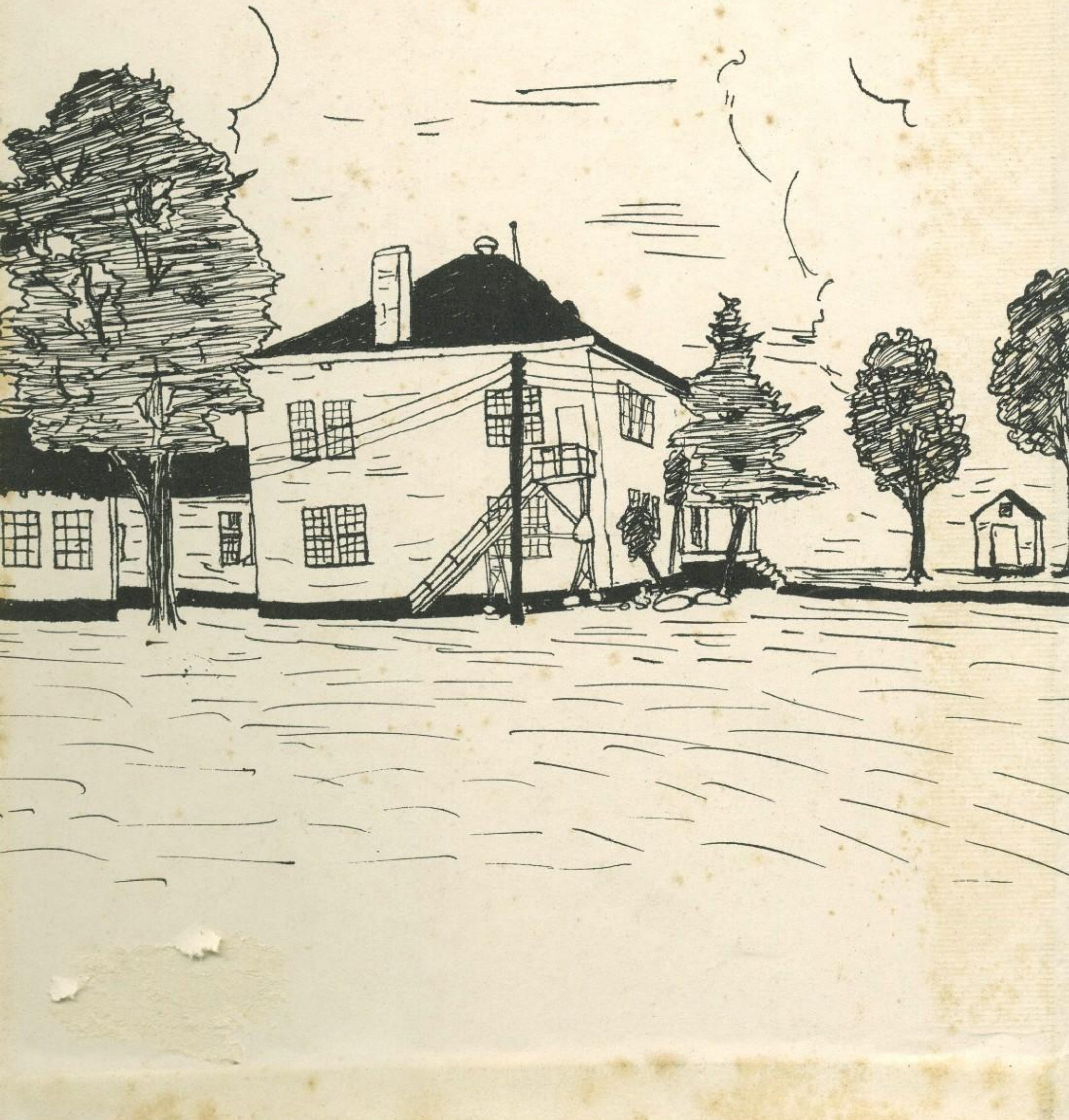

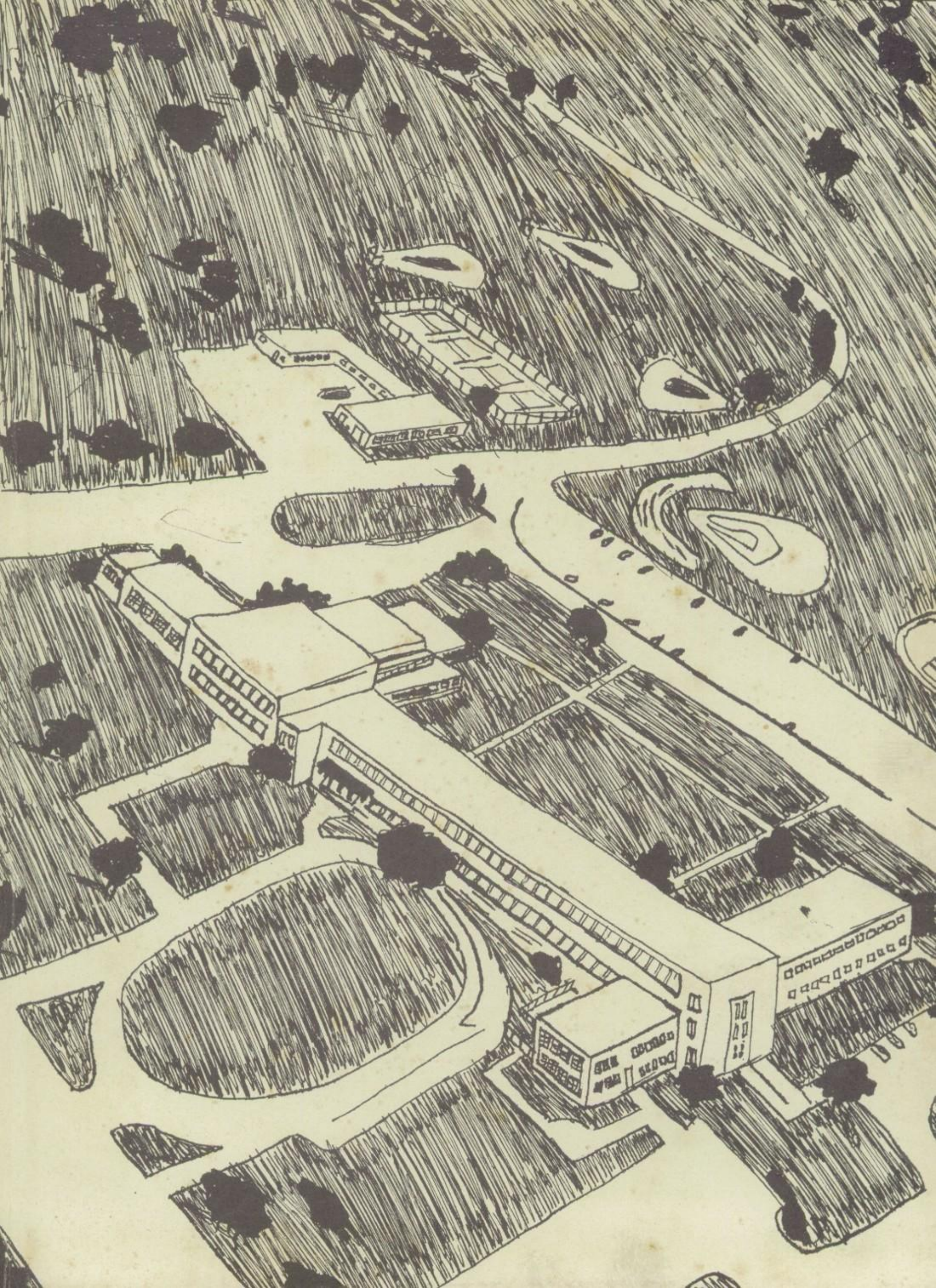

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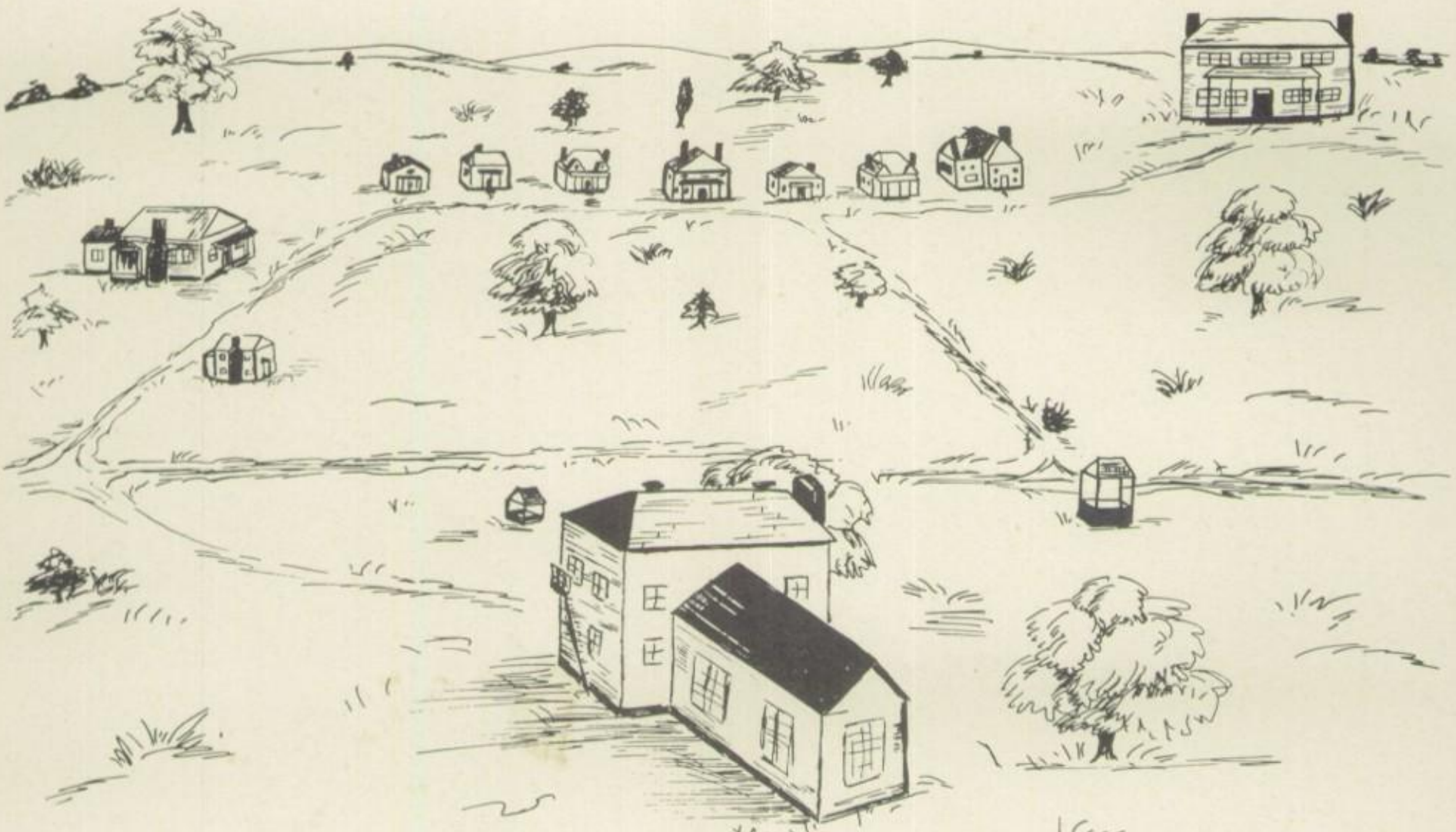

ALMA MATER

AVE ATQUE VALE

The Cluster Springs Academy and the Cluster Springs High School have served their community well. The one has long since disappeared in the physical sense; the other will cease to function after this year. But they are gone only in the physical realm. Long will both live in the memories, traditions, and history of a large section of Halifax County.

Many classes have carried forth from both a rich heritage of scholarship, of discipline, of character, of noblesse oblige.

The Senior Class of 1953, through this final issue of THE REFLECTOR, wishes to honor these two schools, their faculties, trustees, and graduates. An effort has been made to incorporate within this record something of the spirit of past years and classes.

The members of the class have truly enjoyed working upon this volume. It has been an ambitious undertaking, and historical research methods have been strange and difficult. Mistakes may probably be found in its work, and rich veins of material may not have been touched; many names which deserve mention may have been omitted. To all those so unnamed the Class pays honor here.

Humbly and proudly the Class offers this, its labor of love. Let Vergil speak for them in the future: "Forsan et haec olim Meminisse iuvabit."

DEDICATION

ELLA TRAYNHAM

Among those in our midst whom we honor and love, there is one to whom it seems peculiarly fitting to dedicate the 1953 issue of THE REFLECTOR, in which we are striving to honor all the past graduates of Cluster Springs High School. Ella Traynham has spent her life in the Cluster Springs area. After graduating from Cluster Springs High School and attending college, she has remained at the school as secretary to the principal. We students feel that she is one of us, friend, confidante, and superior.

To Ella, with respect and affection, we dedicate this, the final issue, of THE REFLECTOR.

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION

Norma W. Stevens
Guilford College
English, Librarian

Annie Belle Walker
Longwood College
Home Economics

Jane Blackwell
Randolph-Macon
Woman's College
Science

Kenneth F. Palmer
Duke University
Mathematics

Ella Traynham
Longwood College
Secretary to the
Principal

Mr. Roderick L. Lacy
Superintendent of
County Schools

Mr. Armistead Traynham
Member of School
Board from Black
Walnut District

Ralph S. Leete
Juinata College
Principal

Frances Howard
Longwood College
English, Latin

Mrs. Calvin Thompson
Radford Teachers College
Eighth Grade Math

Mary McLaughlin
Hollins College
Social Sciences

"Memories"

STUDENTS OF CLUSTER SPRINGS ACADEMY, 1906.

Students of Cluster Springs Academy, 1906. Friends of the old Academy may be interested in picking out some of the students. Here are some, as identified by Mr. Rufus Owen of Cluster Springs, a student at the time and pictured here.

John Boatwright, W. O. Hankins of Danville, Mortimer Cosby, Gilmer Craddock and Tom Craddock, both of Lynchburg, Billy McLeod and Rob Craddock, also of Lynchburg, Kidd, Pace, Williamson, Hubert Doggett, Rufus Owen, Jr., Claude Thornhill of Lynchburg, Dan Owen, Boisseux, Harry Whaley, Sam Adams, Benny White, Cosby, Abe Craddock, Hughes Whaley, Arch Owen, Sydnor Owen, Glenn Updike of Danville, Professor Wilson and family, Profs. Clark, Garnett, Kuyhendal.

CLASS HISTORY

Education in Black Walnut District
Cluster Springs, March 31, 1920

"Ever since the long hoped-for high school became a reality in Cluster Springs, the subject of some kind of betterment league has been a topic of great interest to the community, though up to the present time of small value save in keeping alive the idea, a situation without parallel in any neighborhood equally blessed with a people of intelligence and good will.

"In justice to all concerned we needs must mention some of the extenuating circumstances. We cannot forget the scourges of sickness, sorrow, and war that have in these three years laid their paralyzing power upon our community.

"Then too we find a queer situation: the school seems to have waited on the community, the community on the school, to set the pace of community progress, each feeling perhaps that this movement should be inaugurated by the other.

"A small percentage, we believe, of the people in the community truly interested in the growth and development of community interests, with an unbroken high school faculty, made a good working basis in interest of a community league.

"The only man present, Mr. Carson, was chosen chairman... The most needed improvement - lights for the school building - was unanimously agreed upon as the first work to be undertaken."

And so the first Community League came into being in Black Walnut District. The selection above is taken from the minutes, the inimitable notes of Miss Sarah Craddock.

The Cluster Springs High School had been in operation since 1917. The School Board of Black Walnut District, which consisted of Mr. Emmett Crawley, Mr. W. C. Slate, and Mr. Sam Adams, told the people of the community that if they would raise $1,000.00, the Board would build a $4,000.00 school for them. Mr. Ned Traynham and Mr. Ryburn "dug up" the money, and Mr. Ryburn gave the land. The school was built, costing $5,709.00. The community was assessed locally for the school.

When the school board changed from district to county, Miss Sarah Craddock was appointed trustee. She secured the auditorium for the school. It had four rooms and an auditorium upstairs at what is now the front of the present building. It was to be a gymnasium; but while Miss Sarah was away at summer school, the plans were changed. During her time as trustee, buses were started; prior to that time, horse-drawn hacks ad brought the children to school.

The first principal was W. W. Carson, a scholar, farmer, and Presbyterian minister. The principals who followed were Miss Ellen Bouldin, Mr. Bedinger, Mr. Joe Harker, Mr. Edwin Snead, Mr. F. A. Burruss, Mr. L. K. Parker, and the present principal, Mr. Ralph Leete.

The school which the children of the area attended before the high school was built was a little two room weatherboard building on the Cherry Hill Road. It was the typical country school with a pot-bellied stove, a water bucket, and cracks around the windows. Miss Lizzie Traynham (Mrs. Stillman) was the first principal. Some of the teachers were Misses Sue Jordan, Bertha Wade (Mrs. Johnson), Fannie Howard (Mrs. W. A. Dixon) Mary Fulp (Mrs. W. T. Crews), and Lily Tuck, who was the last teacher there.

One year school was not held there so that the people might work harder for the new school. It opened the next year.

Even before the school on Cherry Hill Road, there was a two room school near the present Black Walnut Church. Mrs. Calvin Thompson's mother, then Fannie Thomas, went there, as did Mr. Tom Crowder and Miss Mary Craddock (Mrs. L. D. Johnston). Miss Mary Owen and Miss Mary Easley (Dr. Andrew Easley's daughter), taught there.

There were many other small schools in this section. One was at Shady Grove, from which many present-day students came. A small two room log cabin was built by the people themselves. Soon it was outgrown. Then there was need of both a high school and a school for colored children. So the high school was built and the other turned into a school for colored children. Larew was its first principal. Unruh taught there, and Mrs. Thompson's great uncle, Rev. Joseph B. Merritt also taught there in the summer.

But the educational history of Black Walnut section goes even farther back. The "Springs" site figures prominently.

"The Springs" site of the Cluster Springs Academy was well-known for its mineral waters. There were seven kinds of springs; among them were iron, sulfa, freestone, and lithia. Sometimes as many as three hundred people were there, living in cabins they built themselves.

Dr. Henry Easley owned the property during the latter part of this stage from the 1830's until the War Beween the States. He was dismissed from the Spring Hill Presbyterian Church for "abetting and holding publick balls and parties for dancing at their house." When he was called before the Session, he came and handed hem a letter, saying "This is my valedictory". This was December 1, 1839. His wife was not dismissed, and his five sons became elders in the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Shearer bought "the Springs" from Dr. Easley in 1865 and opened a boarding and day school for boys and girls. After two years, he limited it to boys.

In 1870, Mr. T. Oscar Rogers leased the property and operated the school for two or three years. Then it was closed for a year. He then bought it and held school for several years. He admitted the girls of the community. Five of his pupils entered the ministry.

The school closed, and the Presbytery, impressed by the need for a school, appointed a committee, headed by Dr. T. S. Wilson, to study and devise ways and means of starting one. They decided to found it at the Springs. The property was bought and the Presbyterian High School came into being. Rev. T. S. Wilson, though pastor of a large number of churches, undertook the task of directing the school. Under him a high standard was developed, boys from the school ranking high in the colleges and universities which they attended. However the work became too heavy for him, and in 1896 he gave it up. Prof. E. L. Barnes of Lenoir, N. C. was in charge for a short time.

After them, Mr. Hampden Wilson became headmaster. Under him the school advanced steadily in popularity and standing until it ranked as one of the best in the state. He had taught under Rev. T. S. Wilson and had been business manager in another academy before that. While teaching at the Springs under Rev. Wilson, he had met and married Miss Fitcher, daughter of the Baptist minister who lived at the house recently owned by Miss Bessie Jordan.

Mr. Fitcher came to the Springs to live in one of the cottages. One day two of the boarding students wanted to haze one of the day students; so to keep him there while they ate their dinner, they locked him in Mr. Fitcher's closet. But the boy found a hatchet and chopped a hole in the ceiling of the closet and another one down through the ceiling of the room, and left.

One of Prof. Wilson's hobbies was baseball. And they had exceptionally fine teams. During the summers Mr. Wilson traveled around interesting boys in coming to the Academy. He always kept an eye "peeled" for good baseball players. Some remembered players were J. R. Wilson, L. L. Chapman, Slim Newton, Jack Mistr, and Leonard Kidd.

At first under Prof. Wilson there were only three instructors, but later three more were added. In 1900 board and tuition was $200.00, but by 1913 it was $350.00.

Additions were made - new dormitories, a three story home for the headmaster, which contained the dining room, library, reading rooms and eight rooms in the rear for the little boys.

About 1909 or 1910 the old class building burned, and a new one was built, with fully equipped gymnasium.

One splendid feature of the Academy was its honor system. It was maintained successfully for a number of years. It covered all areas of student life.

The curriculum was an advanced one. The usual foreign languages were taught, Latin, French, Spanish, German. For many boys the freshman year at college was the same as the senior year at the Academy.

There were students from many different states, half a dozen from South America, one from Cuba, and one from China.

Martin Dies of Texas, alumnus of the Academy, went to Congress and became chairman of the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities.

Real appreciation of their chance for schooling was shown by some of the Academy boys. One walked every day from Denniston to the Springs and back again; at the same time he made the highest average in the school. Two others rode double from Hyco, and some more rode from Denniston back and forth every day.

After a long and successful service the Academy closed its doors in 1917, when many of its boys enlisted in the Armed Services.

A school is more than its buildings and physical equipment, however fine they may be. The heart and mainspring must always be its faithful corps of teachers and personnel. So it was with the Academy and the Cluster Springs school. We wish to honor those faithful workers, past and present.

No roster of teachers would be complete without the name of Miss Sarah Craddock. She gave many years of devoted service to the cause of education in the Black Walnut District. She first taught elocution at the Academy. It was a familiar sight to the boys to see her enter class with a pistol strapped around her waist. Because of her long walk from her home to the Academy her brother insisted upon it. Aside from her academic contribution Miss Sarah was the embodiment of womanly charm and Christian grace. She has carved for herself a niche in the Cluster Springs Hall of Fame.

At the Cluster Springs school, besides Mr. Carson, the first principal, these were some of the other teachers: Miss Margaret Martin, Miss Grace Edmunds, Miss Mary E. Holliday, Miss Reba Johnson, Mrs. Carson, Miss Mildred Edmunds, Miss Hallie Roller, Miss Elise Glenn, and Miss Lightfoot Jordan.

Mr. Carson's pupils remember him for his beautiful handwriting and his scholastic ability. Miss Margaret Martin is remembered as the first president of the Community League. There are those who say she had a particular fondness for rainy days. She married a missionary to China.

Miss Holliday can be remembered as saying, "I'm going to do something never done before - I'm going to get rich teaching!"

Mrs. Carson used to say, "Never be afraid if you are as big as a house or as small as a mouse." She kept perfect order in her classes.

Later teachers whom we honor were Frances Woltz, Elizabeth Pittman (Mrs. Randolph Barksdale), Sydnor Hirsholm, Sterling Bagby (now County librarian), Frances Maxey (Mrs. Irby Turnbull), Elizabeth Harris (Mrs. Morton Miller), Mr. C. P. Baker, Elizabeth Peters (Mrs. A. W. Callas (now a hostess at the Williamsburg Restoration), Miss Ruth Raabe, Mr. Harry James, Mr. Reginald Walton, Mrs. Norma Stevens. There were many more.

It was due to the efforts of a Home Economics teacher that the present home economics cabin was secured. Miss Harding suggested that patrons bring a log each or other needed material, and build the cabin themselves; this was done. Other home economics teachers have been Mrs. Jimmie Bohannon, Delia Gregory, Ruth Williams (Mrs. John Crawley), Janet Sturgall (Mrs. Faulkner), Mrs. Bill Green, and the present teacher, Annie Belle Walker.

Mrs. A. O. King is one beloved teacher now at Cluster Springs. She taught many years in the county before coming to Cluster Springs. She and Dick Barksdale (now Judge Barksdale) once taught together. She taught at King School, on her property, for years; then at Laswon School. All of her five children graduated from Cluster Springs, two of them winning the Balfour Award. She has been a firm, kindly teacher, and good neighbor to the sick and needy. Many citizens of South Halifax area will remember her with respect and affection.

Mrs. J. E. Crawley (Gladys Martin) has also taught long at Cluster Springs. While teaching there she married Mr. J. E. Crawley, and they sent three fine sons to Cluster Springs; two have already graduated and one is still in school. One, John, won the Balfour Award. She has been active in many community activities; the Woman's Club, the United Daughters of the Confederacy (serving as president at present), the Parent Teachers organization, and the Spring Hill Presbyterian Church.

When many people think of Cluster Springs School they think of Miss Jane Blackwell. She has taught there a number of years, and has been a guiding light in many phases of its work. She has upheld a consistently high standard of work and has always striven to teach pupils how to study. Those students from her classes who have attended college have always done well. She has developed many fine basketball and softball teams, a large number of them being County champions. Her most valuable contribution in that field has been the development of a fine spirit of co-operation and fair play. She has always regarded sports as a major means of developing character.

She has served as school nurse, a steady stream of young and old being treated for everything from sore toe to sore throat.

She has counseled wisely and freely. She has given generously of her time and energy and resources. No one ever hesitated to call upon her, for advice or consolation.

Her Christian character and wholesome personality have helped set the tone of the school. Her influence will long continue to guide many in the community.

Miss Frances Howard came to Cluster Springs five years ago, and has charge of senior activities, including the annual and commencement.

Mr. Palmer has been with us for two years, having won a place in our respect and hearts.

For the past two years the library has been a place of beauty under the direction of Mrs. Stevens. As far as possible, under the crowded conditions of the school, she has striven to keep it a place of quiet research. We all feel the force of her restful spirit.

Mr. Ralph Leete came to Cluster Springs from Cowdersport, Pennsylvania in 1941. He taught history and mathematics and was boys' coach under Mr. Snead; then under Mr. Burruss. In 1943 he taught for one year at C. H. Friend in South Boston; in 1944 he returned to Cluster Springs as principal. His chief interest has been sports, having developed some fine teams. His hobby has been hunting. Under his administration new rooms have been added, water fountains installed, athletic field added, teaching staff increased, a full-time janitor added, and consolidation of small schools brought about. He secured his M.A. degree last summer from the University of Virginia. He is at present president of the Halifax Education Association and superintendent of the Spring Hill Presbyterian Sunday School.

There are many more fine teachers who have and are serving in our school: Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Tune, Mrs. Downy, who taught previously in one of our little schools, Miss Barrow, Mrs. Rufus Owen, (who previously taught in the high school and has had two fine children to graduate from the school and one, Sue, to finish this year and one more still in high school). Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Leete and Mrs. Boswell.

This has been the first year in five years that there has not been a minister on the faculty, there having been first Mr. James and then Mr. Walton. It can be noted that all through the honorable history of education in this section ministers have played an important part.

The students themselves have also reflected honor upon their Alma Mater. We cannot mention all, but we honor all.

In the 1922 graduating class there were Louise Carson and Anne Marye Owen; in 1923 Lucille Conner, Mary Loftis, and Clarice Loftis; 1924, Florence Gibbs and Byrd Vaughan; 1925, Flossie Comer, Ola Duncan, Carrie Hughes, Bertha Loftis, Thelma Woody, Herman Dixon, Stansbury Owen, Barksdale Vaughan, George Woody.

A number of Cluster Springs graduates have returned to the school as teachers. Among them are Mrs. Florence Ramsey Boswell, Mrs. Frances Dixon Lette, Mrs. Clarice Loftis Thompson, Miss Mary Anne Ford. All these are teaching there at present.

Some families have had a number of their members to graduate from the school. Among these families are the following:

(1) Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Conner: L. T., Glenn, Evelyn, Margie, Artie, and Jean.
(2) Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Long: Alma L. Moorefield, Alice L. Worsham, Alvis L. Stone, Munford G. Long, Stover Long, and Elsie L. Vaughan.
(3) Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Traynham: J. E., Jr., A. B., L. B., R. S., D. M., Ella, Mildred and Helen.
(4) Mr. and Mrs. A. O. King: A. O., Jr., Elizabeth, Haydee, Hodges, and Tom.

The Balfour Award, standing for scholarship, character, and leadership, was first given to an outstanding student in 1930. The recipients are as follows: Armistead Traynham, 1930; Gwen Paynter, 1931; Eugene Dixon, 1932; Charlie Link, 1933; Elizabeth L. King, 1934; Frances Dixon Leete, 1935; John E. Crawley, Jr., 1936; Haydee King, 1937; Marion Lee Howerton, 1938; John Duff and Thelma Hunt, 1939; Mamie Grace Bagby, 1940; Mildred Traynham, 1941; Allen Berkley Clark, 1942; Lucille Beatrice Simmons, 1943; Bessie Harrell Gordon, 1944; William H. Dixon, 1945; Elsie Frances Long, and Helen Owen Traynham, 1946; Ramona Geraldine Aliff, 1947; Inez Gravett Clark and Mary Emma Reaves, 1948; Russell Owen Cliborne, 1950; John Robert Cole and Harry Barksdale Reaves, 1951; and Delora Marlene Barnett, 1952.

A large number of Cluster Springs students have done well after leaving their Alma Mater. There are numbered among them teachers, ministers, farmers, housewives, engineers, merchants. We honor them all, and wish it were possible to mention everyone and tell what each is doing. Many served honorably in the Armed Services in World War II, and many are at present in service, some having served in Korea.

We wish now to express our deepest appreciation to all those who gave us information and loaned material and pictures. It has been an enlightening and heart warming experience to talk with them. It has also given us a deeper appreciation of this phase of our heritage and a healthy respect for the rich vein of information to be found in older people around us.

Our appreciation goes to the following: Mr. Bray Stempel, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Whaley, Dr. W. B. Barbour, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Crowder, Mrs. Guy Oakes, Mr. Ed Craddock, Mrs. L. D. Johnston, Mr. Ned Traynham, Mrs. J. E. Crawley, Mrs. Calvin Thompson and her sister, Mrs. Thomason. Mr. Spurgeon Compton, Mr. Rufus Owen, and Mr. Durelle Canada.

May we mention particularly Mr. Spurgeon Compton, who is an alumnus of Cluster Springs High School and is at present editor of The Record Advertiser. We point with pride to the fact that his article on the Cluster Springs Academy, published in the Record Advertiser, won an award from the Virginia Press Association.

We are certainly grateful to Mr. Rufus Owen for his generous help not only in information but in proofreading our material.

There are a number of alumni of the Academy in and around Cluster Springs. We wish we had a complete list. Before closing we would like to mention some of them - Dr. W. B. Barbour, Mr. Rufus Owen, Mr. Guy Oakes, Mr. Harold Oakes, Mr. Arch Gilliland, Mr. C. F. Barnett, Mr. Day Noblin, Mr. Stempel, Mr. Durelle Canada. There are many more scattered far and wide.

We may have made many mistakes in this article; we hope not. We have enjoyed doing it, and have profited from the study and the assembling of the material.

Sue Owen

Miss Sarah Craddock

Mrs. A.O. King

A baseball team of the old Cluster Springs Academy, around 1910. The ones we can identify are Prof. Ryburn, Hughes Whaley, William Easley, and Bailey Glenn.

Shirley Yancey
Vice-president

Barbara Rickman
President

Delora Barnett
Reporter

SENIOR OFFICERS

Walter Oakley
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Merle Crenshaw
Secretary

MASCOTS

Patsy Christine Warren

Patricia Lane Francis

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GENEVA TUCK ALLRED

DELORA MARLENE BARNETT

LEWIS CLIFTON BLANKS, JR.

LOUISE FARRELL COLE

Reflections On School Years

Early in the fall of 1952 nineteen Seniors assembled at Cluster Spring High School. As usual, there was doubt as to where they could possibly be put. Pupils were crowded in the halls and doorways and windows, (Occasionally one erupted up the chimney ... well, almost!)

The Seniors found a small empty space (maybe no one else wanted it) - the old office. High ceilings, big windows, no stove pipe (at least, that matched the absence of a stove!); but it did have seats and a door.

In they trooped, and to work - reports, books, math problems, and translations. And we mustn't forget those days we spent getting ads. Some businessmen we were, collecting for the annual more than any previous class had. It was fun too. There were ballgames, much conversation, elections, and annual meetings.

About a month before Christmas the class lost one of its members, Geneva Tuck Allred. (Geneva had married the previous summer). She had decided that homemaking and a husband needed all her attention. She left an empty place. We loved her and missed her helpful ways and friendly chatter. (Good luck, Geneva!)

But the events and fellowship which will be the treasured memories of this class are not merely those of the Senior year, important as they are. There are the vastly important associations and comradeship of all the school years.

There is the parade of frightened, tearful little children beingled unwillingly to a far-away school; there are teachers - a different one every year -; there are parties, thrills, the excitement of surprises and the unexpected contests; honors won; defeats sustained, losses, gains.

The Seniors have searched back into the past, and brought back many faces and events and feelings of their past. It has been fun. They have laughed and sighed. These I shall set down in order.

The members of the 1953 Senior Class came together in this way: Nell Warren from Harmony; Barbara Rickman from Greenwood (both in the fourth grade); Louise Cole from Virgilina, Alma Spencer from John C. Terrell, L.C. Blanks and Edward Talbott from Lawson, and Helen Poole Lowery from King School, all to the fifth grade; Delora Barnett from Roanoke, George Henry Gravitt from Shady Grove, Rosalie Conner from Maple Grove, Merle Crenshaw from Glenwood, Geneva Tuck from Burlington, and Franklin Wilborne from Bethel Hill, all to the sixth grade; Anne Whitt from Virgilina to the seventh grade. Of all the class members only Shirley Yancey, Jeanette Woody, Jean Conner, Sue Owen, and Walter Oakley started at Cluster Springs in the first grade.

ROSALIE ALICE CONNER

MERLE BURNETTE CRENSHAW

GEORGE HENRY GRAVITT

HELEN POOLE LOWERY

SENIORS 1953

WALTER STOVER OAKLEY

SUE WASHINGTON OWEN

JEAN CONNER POOL

BARBARA ANN RICKMAN

Mrs. Adams started those original members in the first grade; and judging by the final result, she did a fine job. Miss Barrow had most of them in the second and third grades. She taught them to sing. (We have not forgotten the Star Spangled Banner, Miss Barrow!) She took them to a music festival too, their first.

Miss Sarah Craddock was their fourth grade teacher. She gave her class an unforgettably interesting history course, Virginia history. That class must have been a handful, because she broke a pencil over Jean's head. (Jean must not have rated with the rest of the class; their heads were tested with her diamond ring). Regularly members were put in the closet for punishment. (That was really fun, because there were always curious things there for active youngsters.) One of the most treasured memories of that year was the trip to her home, where the class saw exquisite flower gardens, her Chinese idol, and the cat with different-colored eyes. Miss Sarah fed birds in her windows, while fascinated little boys and girls sat watching them in breathless excitement.

Miss Lynch taught the class in the fifth grade for the first six weeks. How the members remember their hysterical crying party when she left them. But they loved her successor, Mrs. Boswell equally as well. She gave a weiner roast for them, their first party!

Then Mrs. Stevens in the sixth grade. She introduced them to Mrs. Minerva, Billy, and the Major. Every week there was an art class; and it is marvelous how much appreciation of beautiful things - pictures, poetry, music, nature - she developed in her class. All are grateful, Mrs. Stevens.

Mrs. King and the seventh grade were next. She encountered the class at a different level in their journey. The members owe much in good manners to her. From her too they learned a history of Halifax County, with the very personal touch of a person in her own right, individual, well-known, and loved. Mrs. King, those personal touches of yours are a permanent contribution.

Then suddenly those young people felt grown up. They blossomed out into the eighth grade in lipstick and long dresses. It was a big class and thoroughly terrified its teachers (except Miss Blackwell, and she terrified them); but those teachers held on and soon settled the class. Miss Ruth Raabe, who could do anything with her hands, had them two periods during the day. (What an interesting, if exhausting, contest that was between Miss Raabe and the class!! Who won was never decided.

During their freshman year Mr. James was homeroom teacher for the second year and exposed them to his beloved Algebra. He was a strong man, thoroughly able to take up George Henry by the back of his neck and shake him.

In the tenth grade Mr. Leete was homeroom teacher. There was a picnic and hayride which all will long remember. During that year one of our girls became Mrs. George Pool - Jean Conner.

ALMA B. SPENCER

EDWARD C. TALBOTT

NELLE SUE WARREN

ANNE VICTORIA WHITT

FRANKLIN WILBORNE

MARY JEANETTE WOODY

SHIRLEY ANN YANCEY

There was one member of the class who was quite an individual - Alfred Whitt. Good-natured, naturally witty, and fun-loving, Tootsie was a privileged character. Poor Miss Howard was at first thoroughly bewildered; but soon she finally became accustomed to Tootsie's wandering in one door and out another at the oddest moments. All remember with delight the time they were reading As You Like It. Suddenly the door opened and Tootsie walked in and stood there. Then a member read his next line: "What fool is this?" There was an instant of silence; then a roar of laughter that shook the room. One bewildered, red-faced boy stood on first one foot and then the other. (Wonder if Tootsie still thinks that it was planted?) Anyway it wouldn't happen again like that in a hundred years.

By that time many members had dropped out. Many had left the eighth grade. Creston Griffen, Curtis Murray, Tom Hailey, Lawrence Puryear, Donaled Wilborn, Lottie Wilborn, Grace Jones, Mac Puryear, J.B. Puryear, Inez Upton, Kitty Conner, Arlene Nichols, Hazel Cole, Billy Giles, Tootsie Whitt, Arthur Gravitt, Etta Sue Whitlow. Some married - Arlene, Hazel, Lottie, Kitty (after going to school in South Boston a while). Etta Sue transferred to South Boston. Billy Giles went into the Armed Service. Inez went to school at Bethel Hill and is finishing there this year.

"Jolly Junior". That was an exciting phrase. And the class at last reached that stage. Who could believe that graduation was that near? Miss Blackwell was homeroom teacher. And what a grand homeroom teacher she was! The class did things, put on dances, box parties, chapel programs - the best, the class thought. They prepared a Christmas box for a needy family. Under her leadership the class really took upon itself responsibilities. Who can forget the magic of music and dancing and Christmas decorations. Geneva Tuck was chosen queen. And how about the popularity contest Anne Whitt won, and Barbara Rickman placed second.

The highlight of the year, of course, was the Junior-Senior banquet. For weeks the class planned and worked. Starlight was the theme, and there certainly was starlight in every eye. Girls in lovely dresses and boys in dress-up clothes and company manners. Oh, what lovely memories for everyone! (Thanks, Miss Blackwell, for helping an entire class to have such treasured memories!

All during that spring of Junior year, the members of the class felt an excitement and thrill that meant they'd soon be seniors. For hadn't Miss Howard and the class set up an annual staff and wasn't Walter running around mysteriously taking pictures for next year's annual?

Then commencement brought the goal even nearer, for George Henry was Senior marshal, their own girls were commencement ushers and all prepared diplomas and decorated the church. How can Delora and her mother and Jean and Miss Howard soon forget decorating that hot Sunday afternoon! The climax of it all was when their own Delora won the Balfour award.

Ah yes, it has been a rich rewarding year. And more was to come. There was to be a happy crowded Senior year.

Fall, 1952. There the class was, THE Senior Class. It has been a good year so far. The REFLECTOR work has kept all busy together. Miss Howard has beat her head and downed cups of coffee for ideas. And somehow they have come. The class feels a pride in this, its brainchild. No one realized that making an annual could be such hard work and so much fun.

Memories are not over. Much remains. A Christmas box and tree and gifts, money to be raised for a trip together. Another Health Day. And then work on Commencement - Ours. A theme has already been chosen. Parties and fun and sadness of parting. And that will mark finis for the actual school years of this class. But memories go on.

ALMA MATER, AVE ATQUE VALE.

CLASS PROPHECY

There are always those who are brave enough to venture prognostications. I am daring it now from a scientific angle. I firmly believe one can know a person well, can study his aptitudes, his make-up, his predilections, and scientifically predict what general direction that person's future may take. So now I boldly propound my thesis by experimenting upon my classmates. (Anyway I probably won't make as many mistakes as the Gallop Polls.

I see Geneva Allred running a model agency, of which she is the best known model herself.

L. C. Blanks is the head of a bureau known as Political Surveys and Predictions, as well-known as the Gallop Poll. He first gained interest in such during the Eisenhower campaign.

Delora Barnett will be working her way up in commercial designing. We expected that; she was always interested in designing.

Louise has put out a famous line of cosmetics, the best known of which is a blond hair preparation and a cream for beautiful complexions.

Rosalie Conner is busily engaged in demonstrating Louise's cream. We remember Rosalie's lovely complexion.

Merle Crenshaw has found time, in the midst of keeping house and taking care of a husband, to become an efficient secretary. She first gained experience at that in being Senior Class secretary. (But, Merle, how do you spell Auld Lang Syne? Or do you really have an old Aunt Zion?)

We predict George Henry Gravitt will be campaign manager of a political party. (Is it still the Republicans, George Henry?)

Helen Lowery has capitalized on that sweet disposition. Married life hasn't prevented her from conducting a column on How to Get Along With People. She could always do that.

We see Walter Oakley as a successful ranchman in Texas. A huge ranch, a ten-gallon hat, plenty of horses, steers, and wide-open spaces. Walter got his start in the 4-H Club.

Sue Owen has become an efficiency expert. Her biggest success has been in teaching others how to cease daydreaming and concentrate. (She had plenty of experience in learning that herself in Latin IV under Miss Howard.) She has also devised a simplified system of spelling. Delora Barnett has collaborated with her in that. Both of them must have become tired of Miss Howard's jibes at their spelling. Now if they can get it accepted, thousands of students will be grateful.

Jean Pool is having a dream come true. She is touring France with her George and really seeing all those beautiful scenes which we saw from the postcards George sent her while she was a Senior. (Of course George is along. No more separations for Jean.)

Barbara Rickman has become the winner of the MRS. America contest. We knew that could happen. She was our Miss Cluster Springs.

Alma Spencer always professed to hate Latin. And there she is teaching Latin and algebra. And a good teacher she is too.

Edward Talbott owns a string of theaters, specializing in "girlie" shows. He has had experience in both!

We see Nell Warren as a devoted nurse in a large hospital. Remember how Nell was determined to be a nurse. She must be a good one.

Anne Whitt has truly capitalized on her good-humored disposition. She has a TV program in which she "out-Beulahs" Beulah. She also has won a number of biggest eater awards. (Oh Anne, watch that pretty figure!) On the side she runs a column on How to be Good-humored.

Franklin Wilborn, after starring in college athletics, has gone on to a coaching job. Many of the principles used were taught him by Mr. Leete.

Jeanette Woody is happy in her married life at Cluster Springs. (Not the wide world and all its fame for Jeanette. She always knew what she wanted.)

Shirley Yancey has also married and remained at Cluster Springs. The last we heard, her twin boy and girl were basketball stars at the Halifax County High. (Daughter and son like Mother!)

We wish we could look farther into the future and see our old classmates; yet sadness and sorrows must be there as well as joys. So we leave that to the passing of time.

The last class at Cluster Springs High was a good one, and its members carry with them always the marks of their Alma Mater and their teachers and principal.

SENIORS IN SIXTH GRADE

SENIOR WILL

We, the Senior Class of 1953, do make, publish, and declare this to be our last will and testament.

To the Faculty we leave the pleasure of teaching in a warm, clean building. (What a change that will be!)

To Mr. Leete we leave warm memories of many fine basketball teams.

To the Juniors we leave the enjoyment of graduation from the Halifax County High School.

To the Sophomores we leave the dubious distinction (?) of being part of a huge class. (Not a big frog in a little pond then.)

To the Freshmen we leave the advice to "pipe down". (You just won't be able to be as "rambunctious" in that new school.)

To the 8th grade we leave the privilege of being the first class from Cluster Springs to spend all its days at the new high school. (How sad not to claim C.S.H.S. as Alma Mater.)

Louise sorrowfully leaves her basketball and softball to Eleanor Thomason.

Anne leaves the making of "faces" in study hall to Eleanor Morris.

Jeanette would just like to leave.

Jean leaves the privilege of being the first to get married in her class to Betty Wall.

Nell leaves her ability to stay out of mischief to her brother Lamberth.

Shirley leaves her ability to get "diamonds" to Connie Cliborne. (Now you won't have to borrow one, Connie.)

Edward leaves his late hours to A.C. Trickey.

Walter leaves his responsibilities to Billy Reaves. (Just expect Miss Howard to call upon you at all hours, Billy.)

Sue leaves her daydreaming to Bobby Tuck. (Not that he needs any more. Miss Howard can tell you that.)

Geneva leaves her distinction as the "model" of the class to Tinnell Cliborne. (Don't put on weight, Tinnell. Models must be thin.)

Alma leaves her ability to have a different boy friend ever so often to Lois Conner. (Why stick to one so long, Lois?)

Merle has proved to be a capable and conscientious class secretary. She hopes someone from Cluster Springs will have that honor next year.

Rosalie leaves her amiable disposition to Garnett Davis. (Garnett, it certainly helps to "jeep on an even keel.)

Our gentle Helen has the marvelous trait of being able to take disappointments or blows with the same sweet smile. She leaves to Arthur Viar this ability.

Delora leaves her "atrocious" spelling to Gracie Jean.

L.C. leaves his interest in politics to Grady Cole. Being a politician wouldn't be so bad, Grady. They "go places".

George Henry was once a fiery tempered little Power House. Look at him now. Such an agreeable pleasant young man. He leaves that ability to transform himself to Billy Hughes.

Franklin leaves his co-operative, pleasant ways to all the high school. You'll need that next year. You can't be as free and easy as at C.S.H.S.

To our dear Alma Mater we leave the ghosts of all her departed sons and daughters. Long since scattered far and wide, they have left behind whispers, sighs, joys, heartaches. Every creak of the old boards, every bang of doors, every rattle of windows, will be heavy with those sighs and laughter.

We carry away with us, Alma Mater, many precious memories which you have given us.

Alma Spencer

Underclassmen

Class Officers, reading from bottom to top: Juniors: LeRoy Crawley, president; Billy Reaves, vice-president; Lois Conner, secretary; Maynard Martin, treasurer; Gracie Cliborne, reporter. Sophomores: Martha Jones, president; Lillian Woody, vice-president; Charlie Lloyd, secretary & treasurer; Marye Shelton, reporter. Freshmen: Marshall Cole, president; Otis Poole, vice-president; Betty Wilborn, secretary & treasurer. 8th grade girls: Dixie Gravitte, president; Pocohontas Ashby, vice-president; Pearl Puryear, secretary; Peggy Link, treasurer; Shirley Conner, reporter. 8th grade boys: Sherrel Cole, president; Grady Spencer, vice-president; Jesse Lowery, secretary; Clifton Lowery, treasurer; Huell Matthews, reporter.

JUNIORS

David Blackstock
Gracie Cliborne
Tinnell Cliborne
Grady Cole

Lucy Cole
Lois Conner
LeRoy Crawley
Mary Crews

Garnett Davis
Irma Jean Hudson
Shirley Jones
Robert Mangum

Margaret Martin
Maynard Martin
Eleanor Morris
Rebecca Nelson

Nancy Leigh Puryear
Billy Reaves
Anne Seat
Eleanor Thomason

Nancy Trickey
Betty Wall
Harriett Wilborn
Tim Wilborn

Not pictured: Garland Blanks

SOPHOMORES

Giles Adcock
Murray Ashby
Dorothy Beverly

James Beverly
Mildred Clark
H. E. Cole
Sylvia Cole

Harrison Conner
Vivian Crenshaw
John Edward Dixon
Jean Ford
Jean Marie Gordon

Betty Rose Hudson
Martha Jones
Peggy Jones
Phillip Lipford
Becky Loftis

Jackie Loftis
Janet Loftis
Rencie Lowery
Charlie Lloyd
Elma Dare Morris

Pervis Phillips
Gloria Sue Puryear
Cecil Reaves
Dave Ragans
Ivy Ragans

Marye Shelton
Bobby Tuck
Rosalie Weatherford
Mary Frances Wilborn
Lillian Woody

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Clemon Conner
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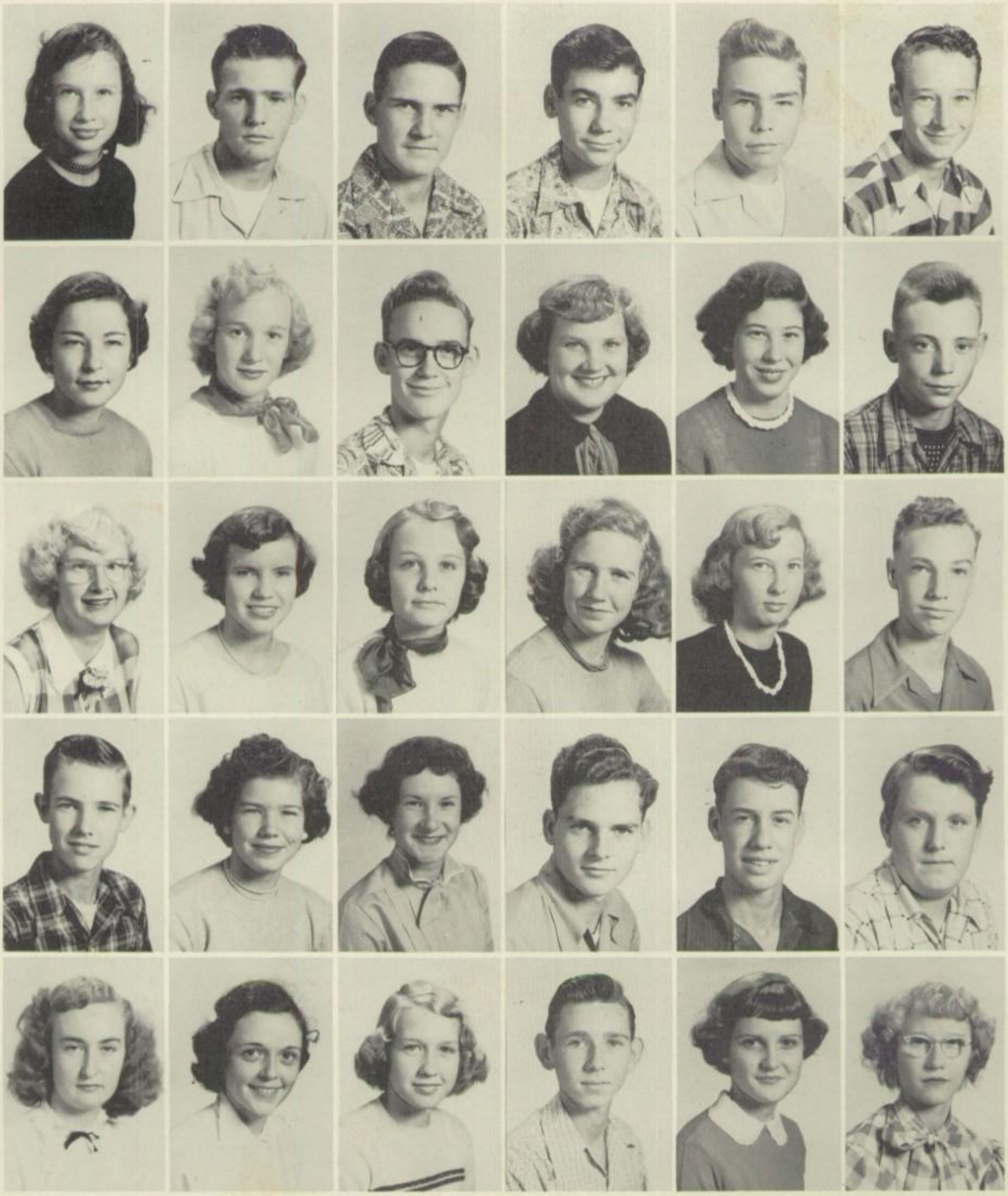
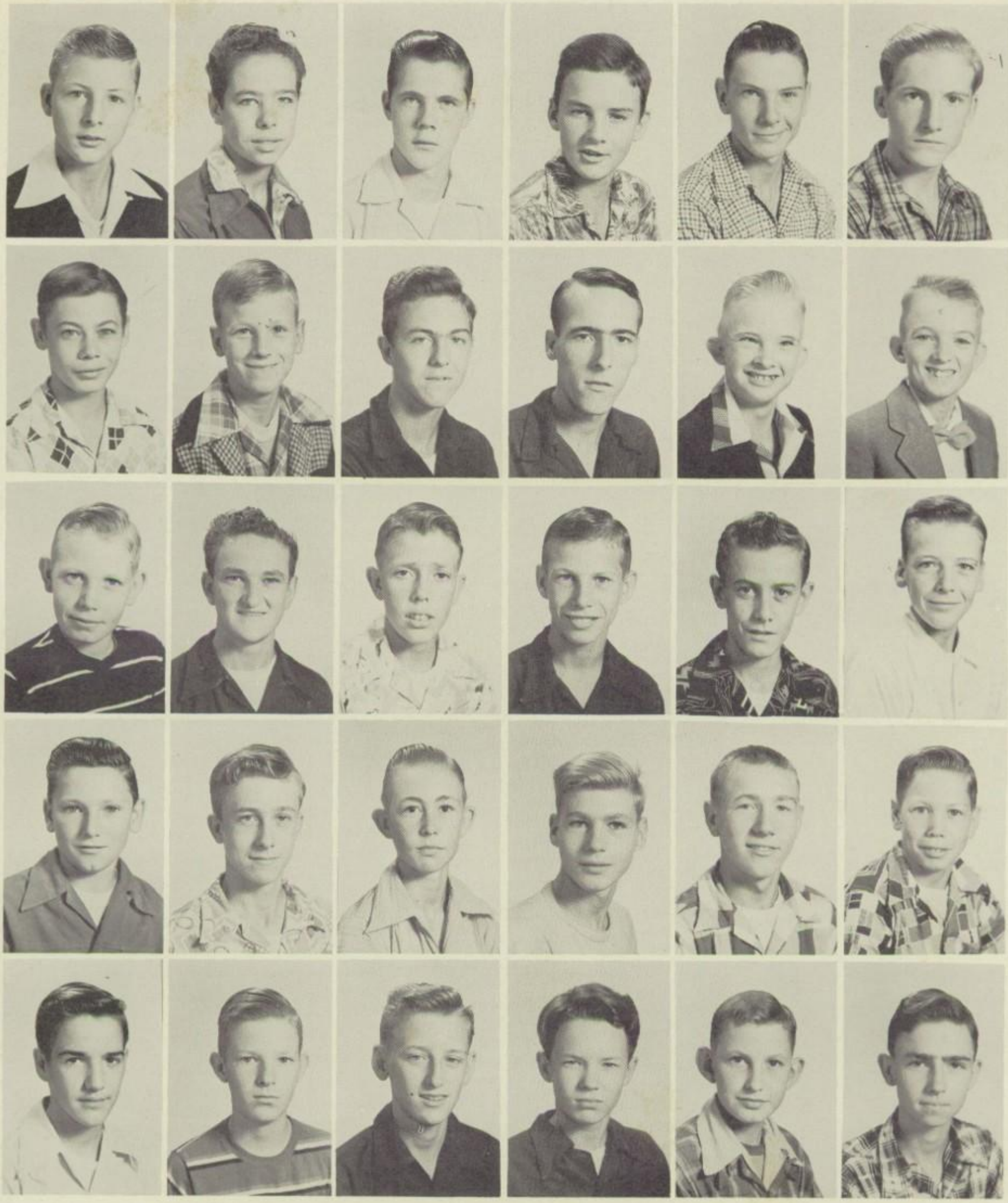
Elmer Waltman

FRESHMEN



Top row: Elaine Blackstock, Bobby Blanks, Marshall Cole, Melvin Cole, Wayne Cole, Wesley Cole. Second row: Edith Covington, Betty Ann Gravitt, Billy Gravitt, Florence Gravitt, Patricia Hopkins, Jeff Long. Third row: Nell Lowery, Arlene Martin, Janet Matthews, Louise Moore, Lorene Newcomb, Tommy Owen. Fourth row: Otis Pool, Florence Ratliff, Joyce Reaves, Marvin Satterfield, Malcolm Smith, Wendell Walker. Fifth row: Jean Watts, Josephine Weatherford, Betty Wilborn, Thurman Wilborn, Janey Wilson, Shirley Wilson. Not pictured: Roscoe Ratliff, Garnett Trickey, Roy Waltman, Geraldine Wilborne, Arthur Viar, Jean Carol Yancey.

EIGHTH GRADE



Top Row: Robert Adcock, Joe Barksdale, John Billingslea, Clark Gable Cole, Sherrill Cole, Roy Conner. Second Row: James Crews, John Gravett, Hugh Hall, G. T. Long, Clifton Lowery, Jessie Lowery. Third Row: Huell Matthews, Jr., Marshall Morris, Richard Murray, Curley Phillips, George Poole, Warren Pulliam. Fourth Row: Bobby Ratliff, Fred Reaves, Weldon Shelton, Randall Smith, Henry Spencer, Grady Spencer. Fifth Row: Garnett Talbott, Latane Tally, Lambeth Warren, Donald Watlington, Charles Woody, Jack Wilborne. Not Pictured: Billy Hughes, Bobby Rogers.

EIGHTH GRADE

Top row: Pocahontas Ashby, Orine Beverly, Ina Bray, Irma Bray, Connie Cliborne, Eunice Cole. Second row: Primrose Comer, Shirley Conner, Shirley Cox, Dixie Daniel, Lucy De-Jarnette, Hattie Gordon. Third row: Jeanette Gravitt, Virginia Gravitt, Georgianna Hudson, Peggy Link, Patsy Loftis, Frances Murray. Fourth row: Carolyn Pulliam, Pearl Puryear, Jean Rickman, Edith Thomason, Elsie Wilborne, Mildred Wilborn. Bottom row: Ruby Wilborne, Mary Frances Wilkins, Rebecca Woody. Not pictured: Dixie Gravitt.

Awards

Delora Barnett
Winner of Balfour Award, 1952

George Henry Gravitt
Boys' State Representative, 1952

KING AND QUEEN

Health Kings and Queens of 1952

First place (to left): Mozell Spencer and Edward Seamon.
Second place (to right): Sue Owen and George Henry Gravitt.

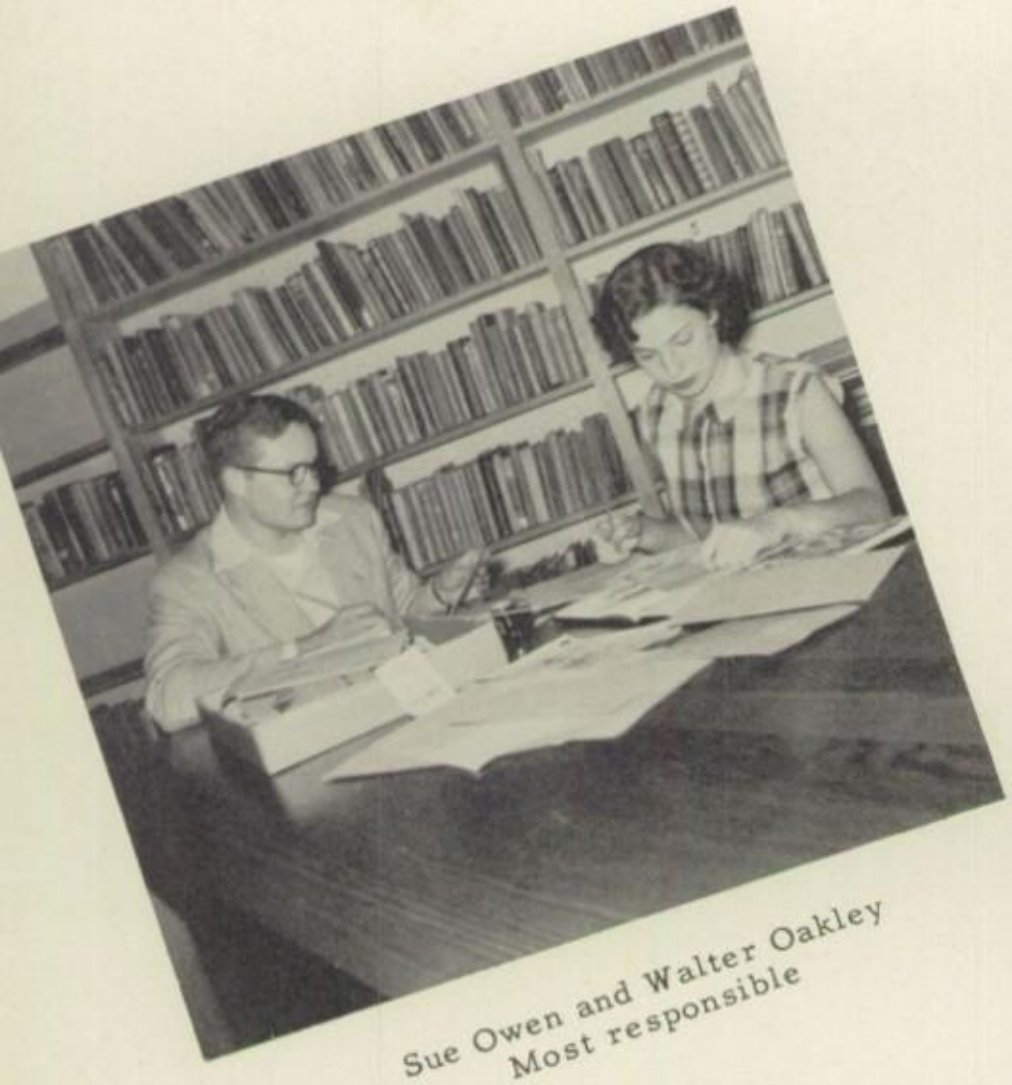
Queens

Princess, 1953
Louise Cole

"Miss Cluster Springs", 1953
Barbara Rickman

Princess, 1953
Shirley Yancey

SUPER



Sue Owen and Walter Oakley
Most responsible

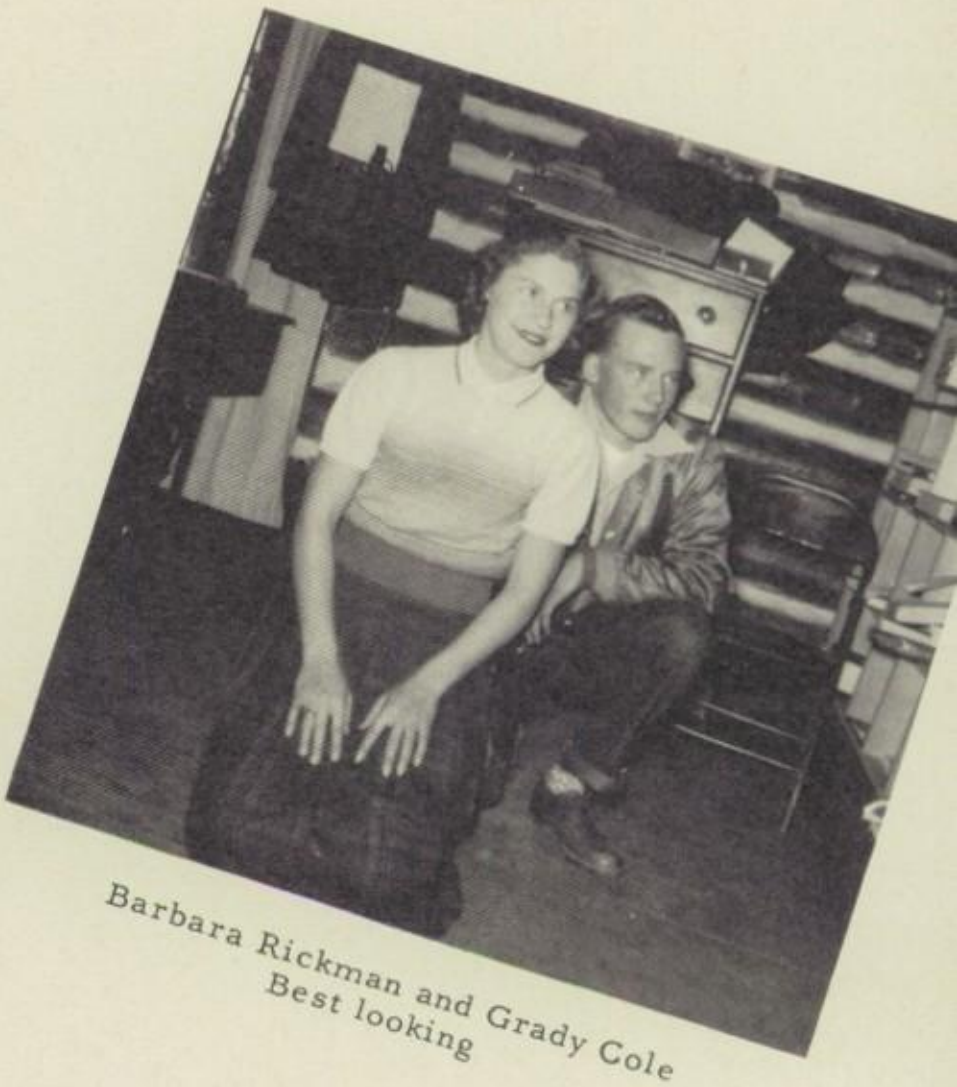
Martha Jones and Walter Oakley
Friendliest

Jean Pool and LeRoy Crawley
Best-all-round

Mary Crews and George Henry Gravitt
Most attractive

LATIVES

Jackie Loftis and George Henry Gravitt
Wittiest



Barbara Rickman and Grady Cole
Best looking

Sue Owen and Walter Oakley
Most courteous

Jean Pool and Arthur Viar
Best athletes

Louise Cole
Editor-in chief

Jean Pool
Sports Editor
Ad Department
Asst. Photographer

Anne Whitt
Class Prophecy
Ad Department

Sue Owen
Chairman, Historical Committee
Class History

Alma Spencer
Class Will
Ad Department

Barbara Rickman
Ad Department

George Henry Gravitt
Ad Editor

Helen Lowery
Ad Department

Nell Warren
Secretary
Historical Committee

L.C. Blanks
Ad Department

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Sports Editor

Edward Talbott
Business Manager

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Photographer and
Ad Department

Shirley Yancey
Ad Department
Asst. Photographer

Geneva Allred
Ad Department
and Typist

Delora Barnett
Art Editor
Historical Committee

Sonny Ashby (a Sophomore)
Art Department

Merle Crenshaw
Literary Editor

Rosalie Conner
Ad Department

Jeanette Woody
Art Committee

Billy Gravitt (a Freshman)
Art Department

SENIOR ATHLETES

Senior Athletes

Front Row, left to right: L. C. Blanks, Louise Cole, Edward Talbott, Alma Spencer. Back Row: Shirley Yancey, Jean Pool, Franklin Wilborne, Sue Owen, Jeanette Woody, Anne Whitt.

Activities

Left to right: Jean Marie Gordon, Betty Rose Hudson, Nancy Trickey, Frances Murray, Delora Barnett, Tinnell Cliborne, Janet Loftis, Rencie Lowery.

Members: Marshall Cole, Sherrell Cole, Lois Conner, LeRoy Crawley, Merle Crenshaw, Dixie Gravitt, Martha Jones, Walter Oakley, Billy Reaves, Barbara Rickman, Lillian Woody, Shirley Yancey. Adviser: Mr. Leete.

STUDENT COUNCIL

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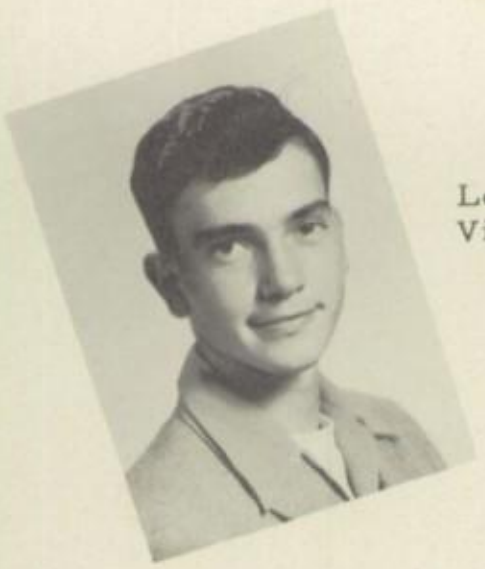
President

Martha Jones
Secretary



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Treasurer

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Dorothy Beverly

Tinnell Cliborne

Gracie Cliborne

H. E. Cole

Merle Crenshaw

Louise Cole

Mary Crews

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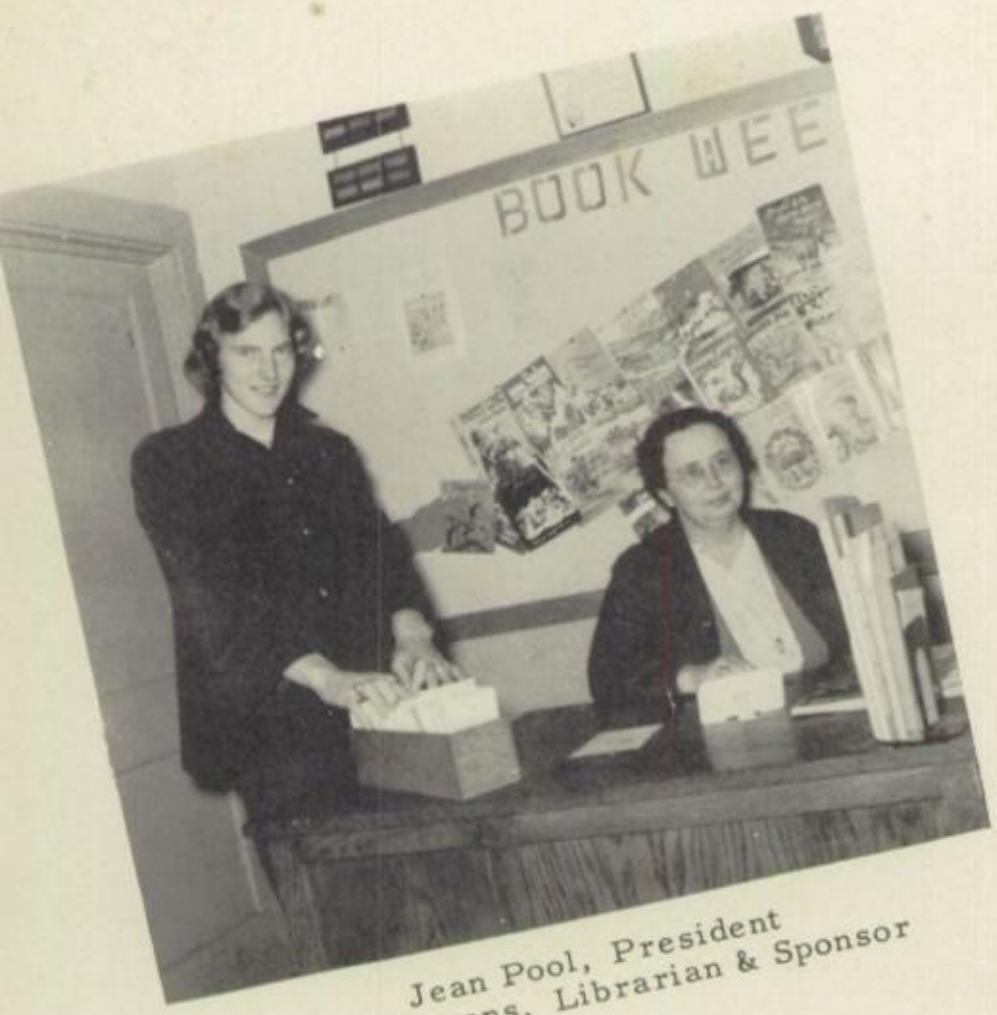

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Cluster Springs High School News

he senior of the week as re-
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he is a member of the following
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year. She is also editor-in
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ouise is one of our star basket
players and made
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close in February. The winners will be guests at a spring picnic given by the losers.

A committee of which Mrs. Boswell is chairman was appointed to study the method of counting parents attending the P.T.A. in order to award the cake to the winning rooms. Mr. Leete instructed the members of this committee to make their reports in advance so that the rules can be announced before the January

was won by Lois Conner, a Junior. The Junior class was very much satisfied with the proceeds from this event.

reporters Leroy Crawley
and Maynard Martin

Progress of the Annual

The annual must be ready for press by Christmas. The Senior Class at present is a beehive humming with activity. Last minute pictures have to be taken, meetings are held at night, and Miss

Louise Cole
Senior of the We

At Cluster Springs High

Miss Peggy Jones, daughter
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jones
South Boston, Route 2, winner
the Popularity Contest at Clu
Springs High School on Thurs
night, Dec. 11th.

The Junior Class sponsored
Popularity Contest, Box Party
Square dance on that night wh
netted them $120.00.

Mr. W. L. Seymour and
Watt Hazelwood, Auctioneers fr
South Boston, sold boxes
cakes to the highest bidders. Th
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reporter Nancy T

RE DANCE AND
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Jean Pool, secretary

Walter Oakley, president

Edward Talbott, vice-president

BOYS SPORTS

he C. S. boys after a defeat by
ifax in the last game of the
rnament came back to show
at they weren't beaten by de
tting Bethel Hill, N. C., by a
ore of 68-32 Friday night, Dec. 5
the armory.

Friday, Dec. 12, the C. S. teams
ill journey to Roxboro—going by
us—to play.

reporter Edward Talbott

GIRLS SPORTS

NEWSPAPER STAFF

Membership

Geneva Allred	Sue Owen	Nancy Trickey
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Shirley Conner	Alma Spencer	Betty Wall
Walter Oakley	Edward Talbott	Anne Whitt

Sponsor: Mrs. McLaughlin

But seriously, all believe it will be a great annual. Since this is the last year, there will be a Cluster Springs high school, the annual will be a historical one reviewing the educational history of the Black Walnut district. It should be a valuable collection.

Anyone wishing a copy may secure one from any member of the Senior Class or from Miss Howard. Even though it will cost more the price has not been advanced. It is still

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

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Harriett Wilborn
Janey Wilson
Shirley Ann Wilson
Anne Whitt
Jean Yancey
Shirley Yancey

Wondering

Better learn now

Pin-up

J. H. S. Activities

Coffee, please.

Do it well, Miss Walker

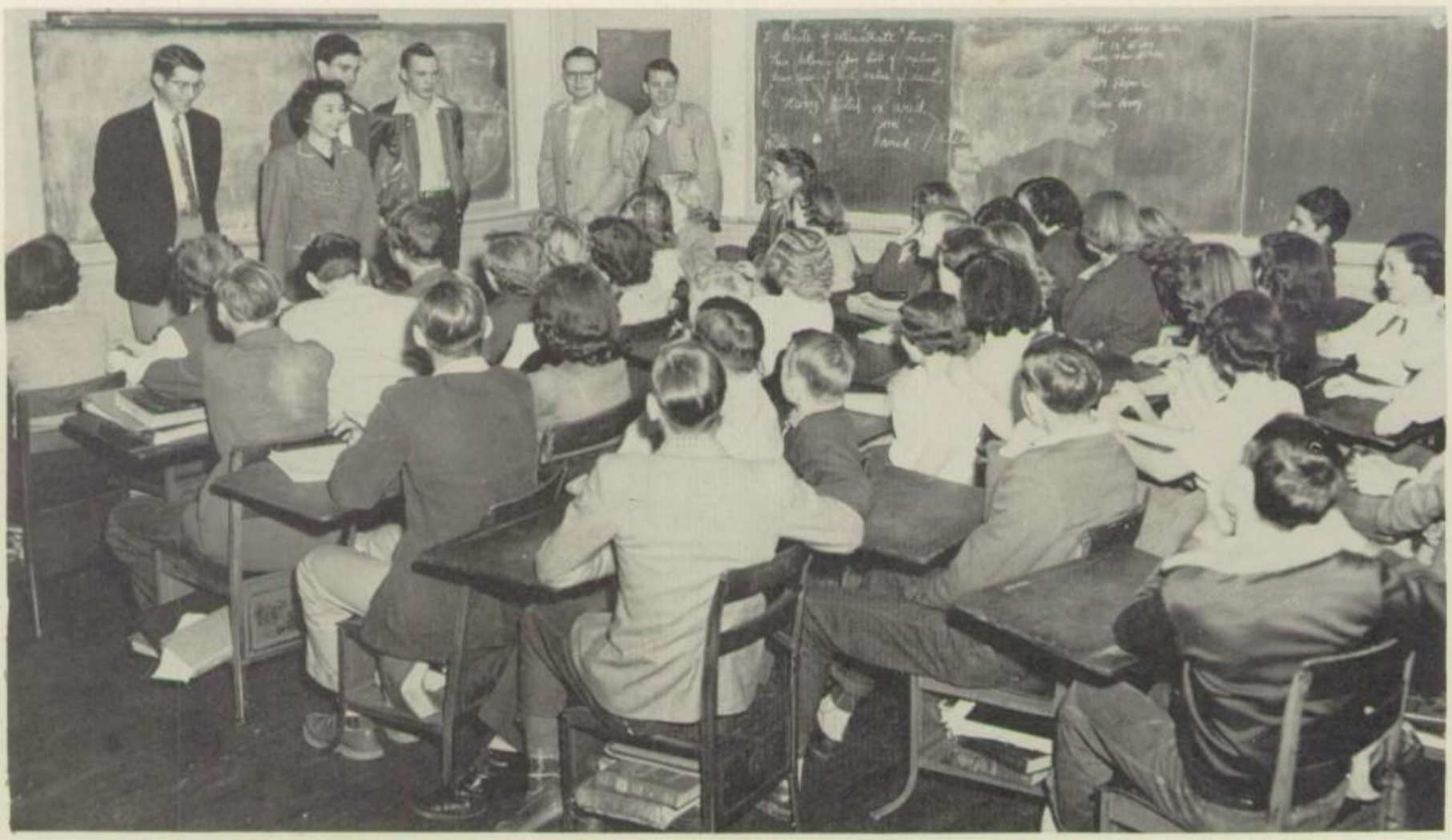
Noses to the book.

HEALTH

DAY

DRAGONS

RAIDERS



Raider - Dragon Party

4-H CLUB

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Rencie Lowery . . . . . song leader
Franklin Wilborn . . . . . song leader

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Jimmy Beverly
Elaine Blackstock
Tinnell Cliborne
Wayne Cole
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John Edward Dixon
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Ivey Ragans
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A. C. Trickey
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Jean Watts
Josephine Weatherford
Rosalie Weatherford
Anne Whitt
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Mary Frances Wilborn
Franklin Wilborn
Tim Wilborn
Janey Wilson
Shirley Anne Wilson
Jeanette Woody
Jean Carol Yancey

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Jeanette Woody
Jean Yancey
Shirley Yancey

Junior-Senior Banquet

Where are the girls?

Why pose, Shirley?

Fix it good.

Can you imagine us pretty?

Why so sad, Genena?

Working hard.

Williamsburg Trip

Follow the guide
(handsome wasn't he?)

What are you up to, Anne?

What's up Jinnell?

Show off !!!

As usual!!

No Souveniers (Silver) eh, Anne?

They deserve it!!!

Cluster Springs holds a Presidential Election

Government Students

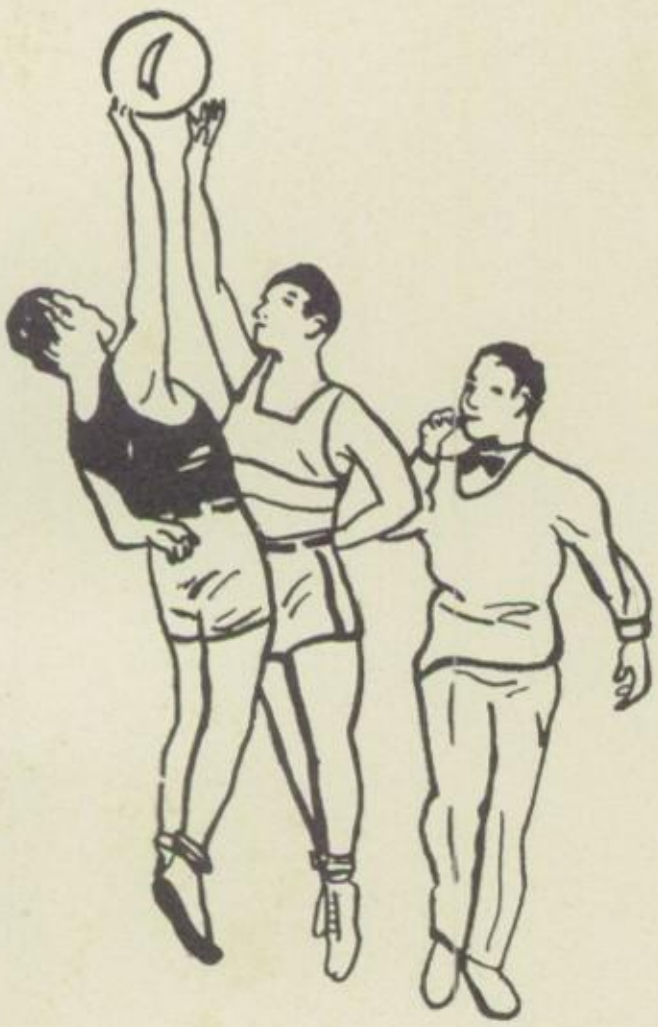
Who Won?

Making sure it's a secret ballot

Campaign Managers

Anne makes a speech

Casting their ballots



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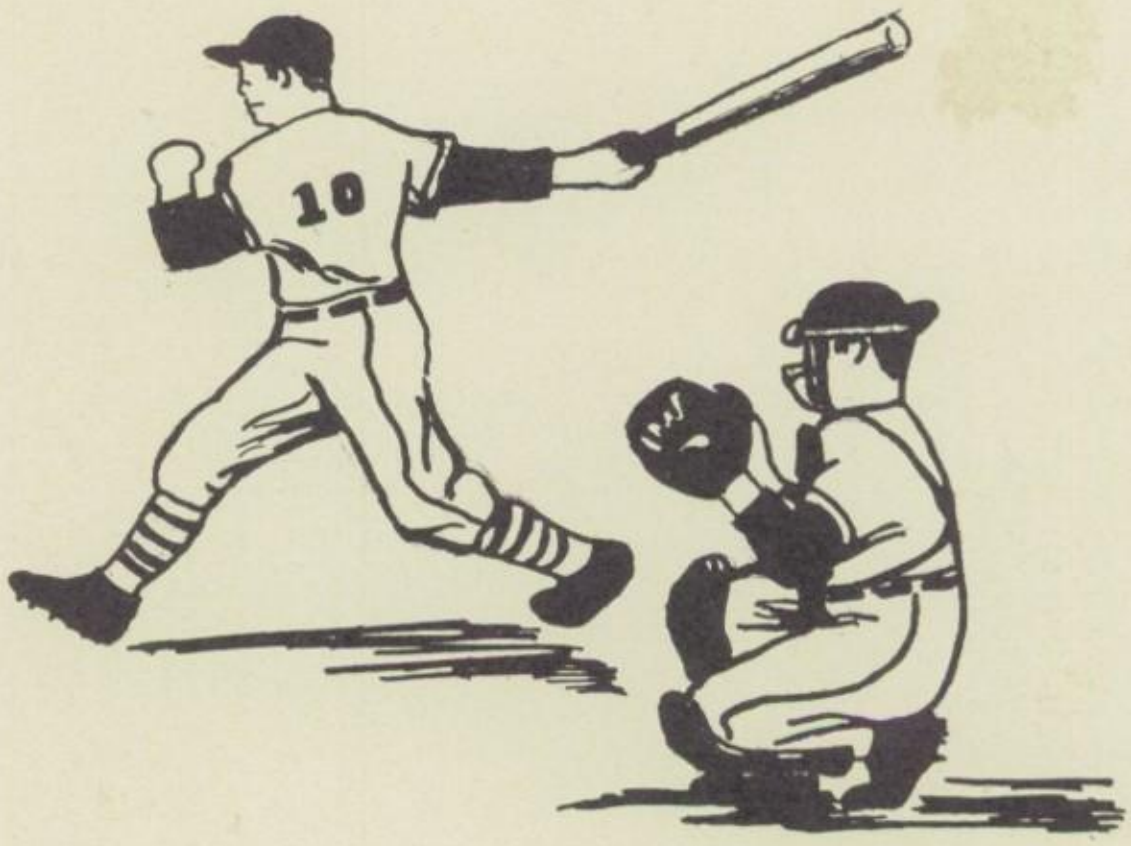


Louise Cole
Forward

Anne Whitt
Guard

Shirley Yancey
Guard

Eleanor Thomason
Forward

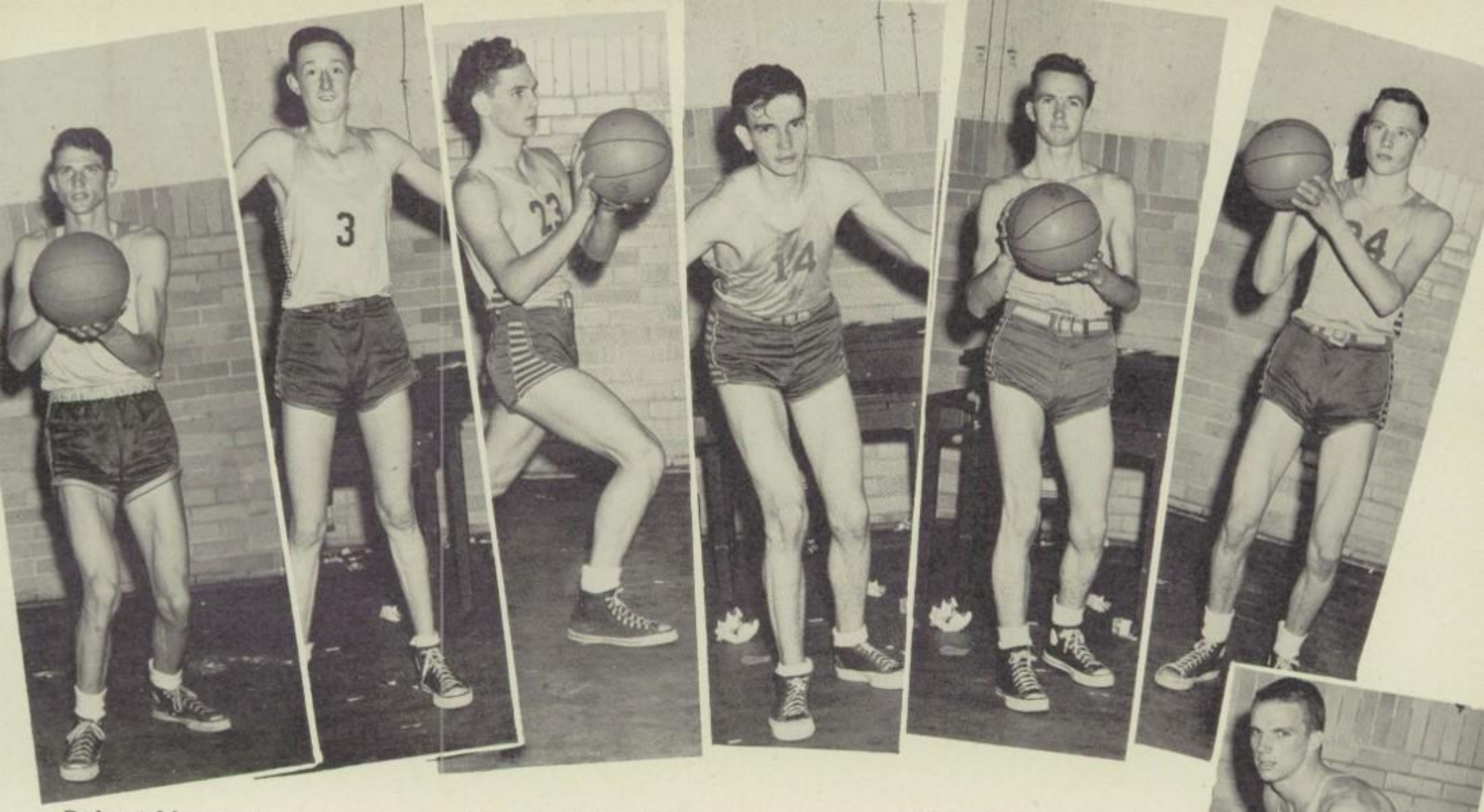
Betty Wall
Guard

Lillian Woody
Forward, Guard

Jean Pool
Forward

BASKET

As pictured below: kneeling: (left to right): Louise Cole, Jean Pool. Standing, left to right: Jean Ford, Harriett Wilborn, Sue Owen, Lillia Woody, Jeanette Woody, Eleanor Thomason, Betty Wall, Betty Ann Cravett, Anne Whitt, Shirley Yancey, Miss Blackwell, coach.



Robert Mangum

Marvin Satterfield

Billy Reaves

David Blackstock

LeRoy Crawley

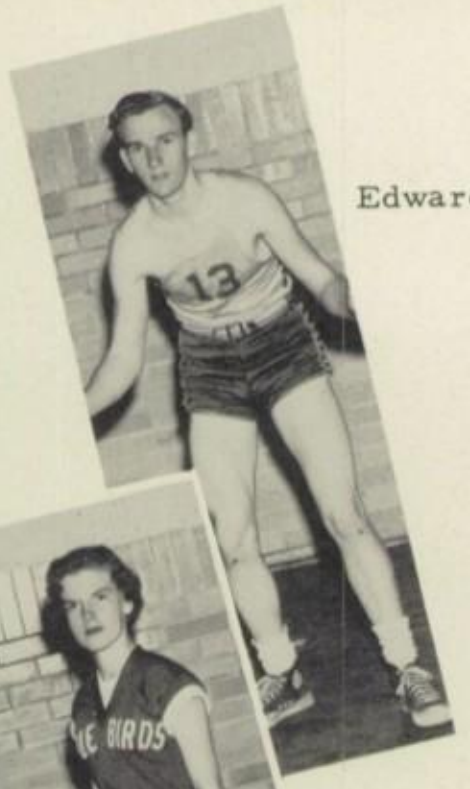
Grady Cole

Arthur Viar

BALL

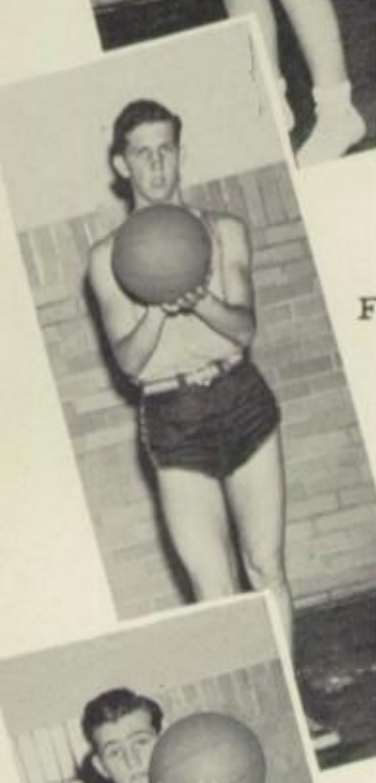
Pictured below: kneeling, left to right: Cecil Reaves, Bobby Blanks. Standing, first row, left to right: Mr. Leete, coach, Marvin Satterfield, Edward Talbott, Billy Reaves, Arthur Viar, Walter Oakely, manager. Back row: LeRoy Crawley, Robert Mangum, David Blackstock, Franklin Wilborn, Grady Cole.

BASKETBALL

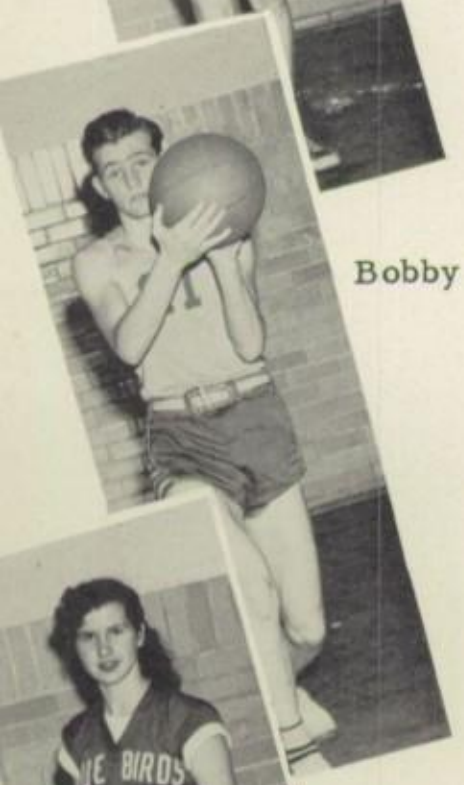


Edward Talbott

Jean Ford



Franklin Wilborn



Bobby Blanks

Harriett Wilborn

Betty Ann Gravitt

Cecil Reaves

Sue Owen

Jeanette Woody

The Bluebirds had a very successful season, winning ten games, losing three, and tying one. They held third place in the Tournament and reached the finals, losing to Scottsburg by three points. They were never defeated by more than four points.

In the post-season games, the bluebirds have defeated two North Carolina teams.

On the Halifax Gazette team Louise Cole was chosen as a forward. In the coaches' selection Jean Pool made first team and Louise Cole made second. All the other members had honorable mention.

Suit Number			
24	Grady Cole	-242	(All-County 2nd team)
12	Arthur Viar	-120	(All-County 1st team)
10	Billy Reaves	-113	(honorable mention)
14	LeRoy Crawley	-110	(honorable mention)
3	David Blackstock	- 66	
23	Marvin Satterfield	- 5	(honorable mention)
4	Robert Mangum	- 50	
6	Wilborne	- 46	
13	Talbott	- 33	
21	Blanks	- 9	
5	Lowery	- 5	
20	Cecil Reaves	- 2	
		735	

The team started off slowly, but as the season progressed it developed into one of the better teams to ever represent Cluster Springs. The squad had more reserve strength and was better balanced than any previous team. This is further substantiated by the fact that five different boys led the scoring in different games.

		Cluster Springs		
Halifax	28	21		
Wilson-Memorial	29	27		
Turbeville	33	54		
Volens	37	31		
Clover	21	45		
Scottsburg	13	37		
Virgilina	22	29		
Halifax	56	34		
Wilson Memorial	22	41		
Turbeville	33	48		
Volens	35	48		
Clover	32	49		
Scottsburg	22	43		
Virgilina	31	66		
Tournament				
Virgilina	31	62		
Volens	43	64		
Halifax	48	36		
	536	735		
Dragons	28		Raiders	31
Bethel Hill High School	32			68
	596			834

Sports At Cluster Springs

Miss Blackwell must be winning

Hit it hard

Make it good !!

Exciting Moment

Receiving a letter

Good Catcher!

Calesthenics

Tight game!

SOFTBALL

Cluster Springs Softball Team, Undefeated, 1952.
Back Row (left to right): Jean Pool, Alma Spencer, Vivian Crenshaw, Betty Wall, Harriett Wilborn, Eleanor Thomason. 2nd Row: Louise Cole, Barbara Lowery, Shirley Jones, Jean Ford, Betty Rose Hudson, Miss Blackwell, coach. Front row: Mozelle Spencer, Captain, Jeanette Woody, manager.

BASEBALL

The 1952 baseball season found Cluster Springs with only three lettermen left from the former year's team. The team, led by Captain Raymond Wilborn, played fair ball, but lacked experience.

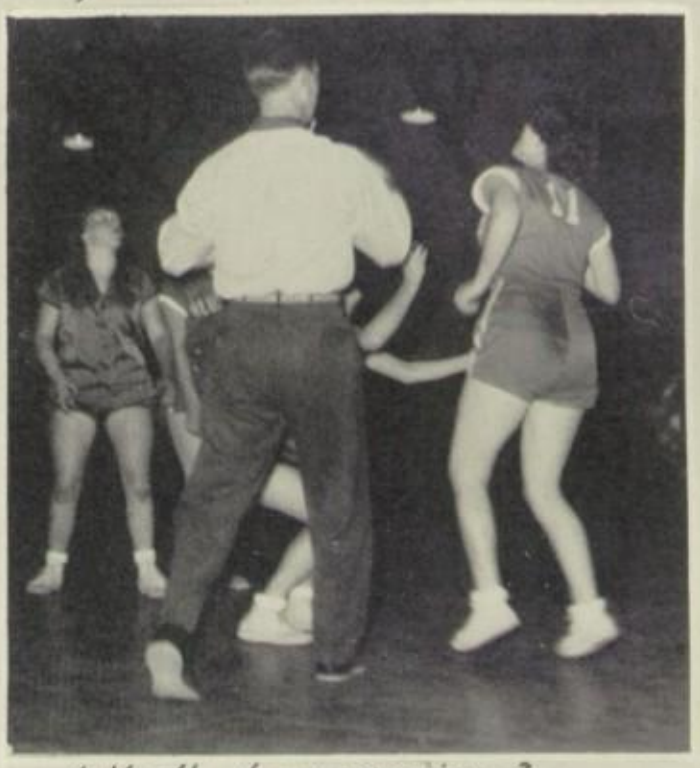
There are prospects for a better team in 1953, with some good material coming up from the eighth grade and only two graduating, Raymond Wilborn and Page Cole.

As pictured: First row, left to right: Cecil Reaves, Tim Wilborne, Marshall Cole, mgr., Tommy Lowery, L. C. Blanks, Walter Oakley, mgr., LeRoy Crawley. 2nd row: Mr. Palmer, coach, Robert Mangum, Grady Cole, Elmer Waltman, Garland Blanks, David Blackstock, Raymond Wilborn, Page Cole, Billy Reaves.

Sports At Cluster Springs

Daily Practice

Ready to start



What's happening?

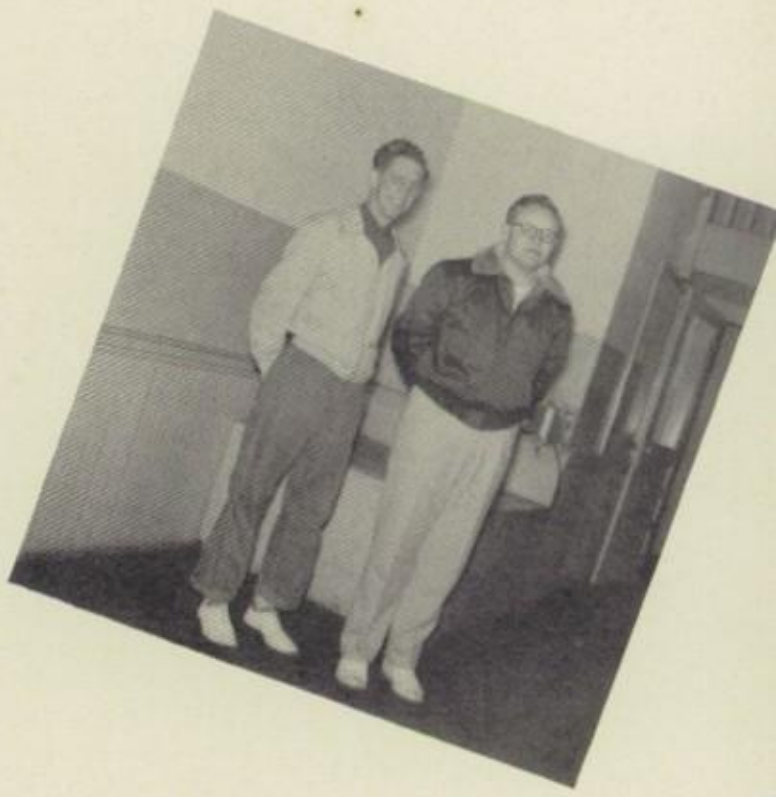
Exercising in the Spring

In the good ole' Spring!

Why such a face, Anne?

Tense Moment.

After These Ads



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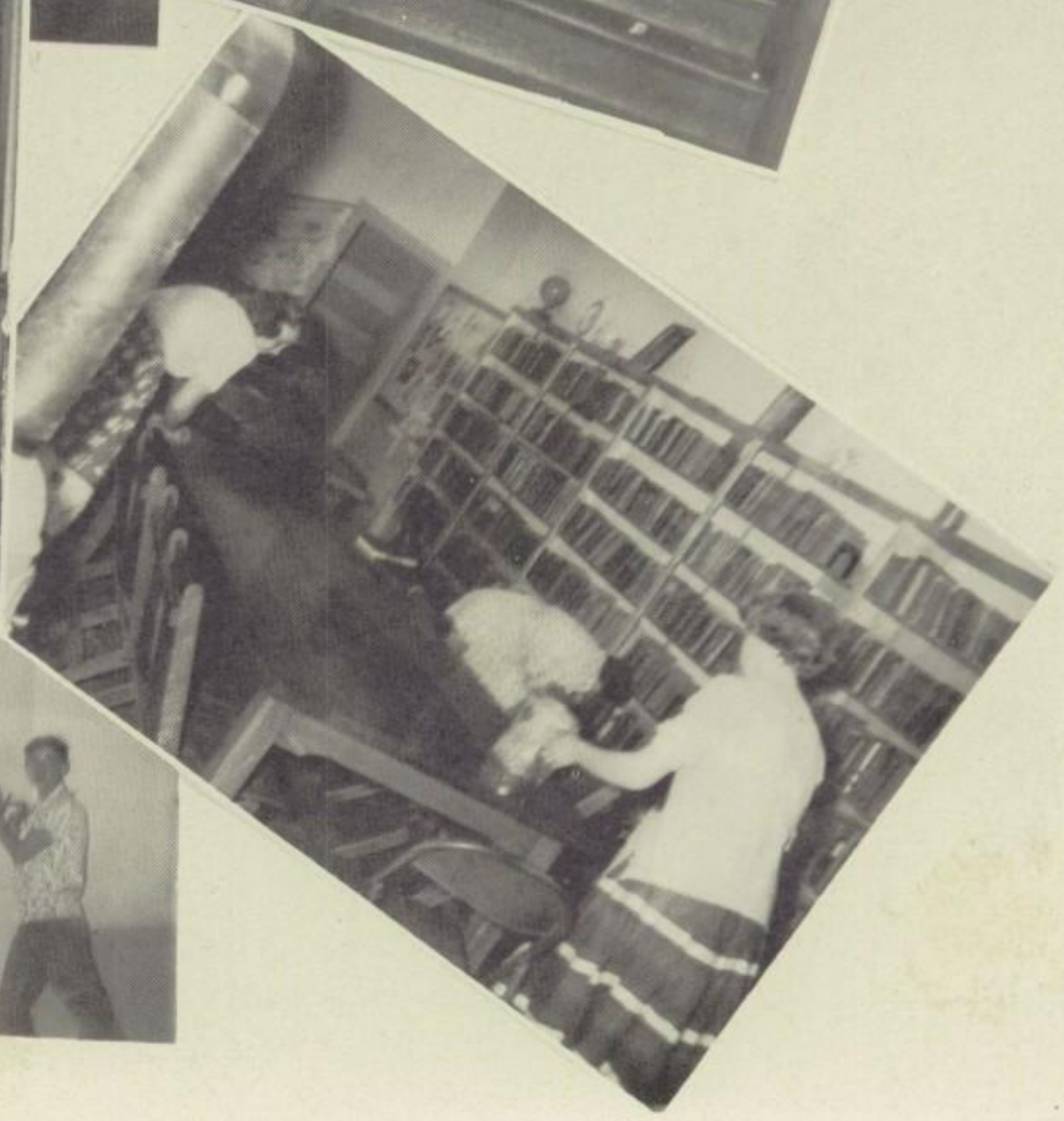

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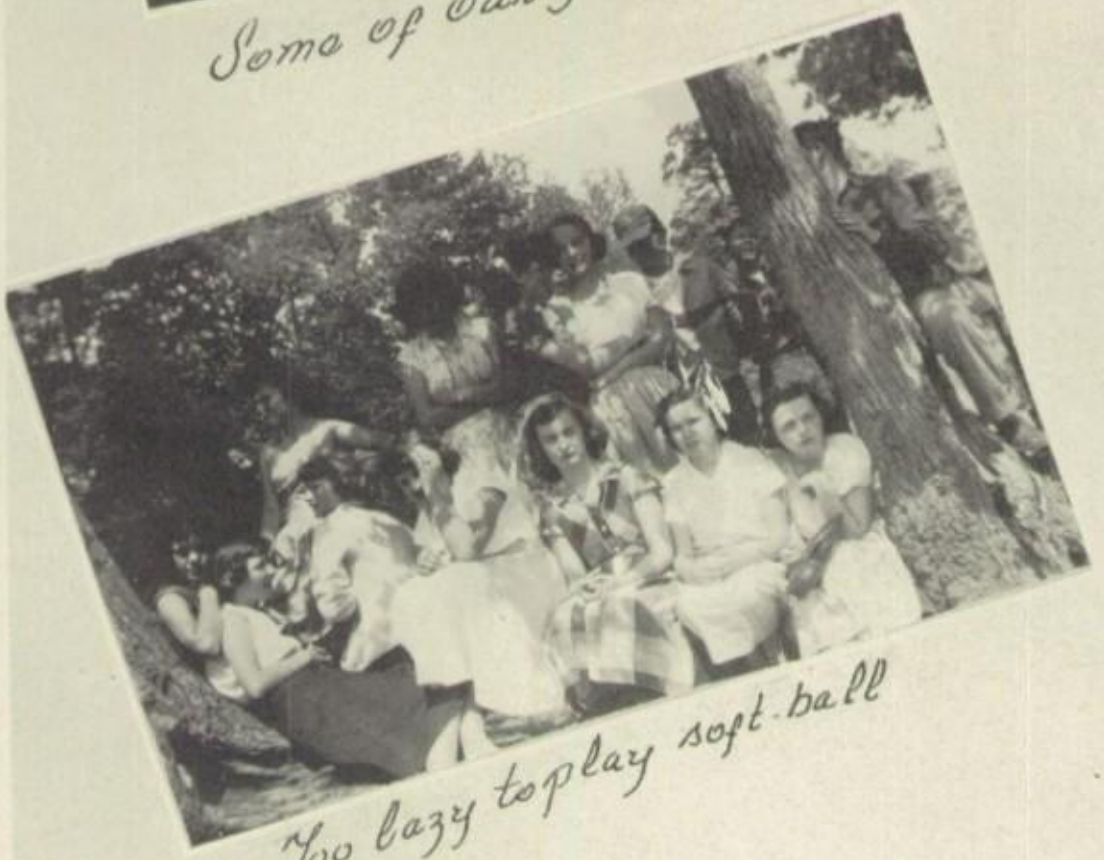
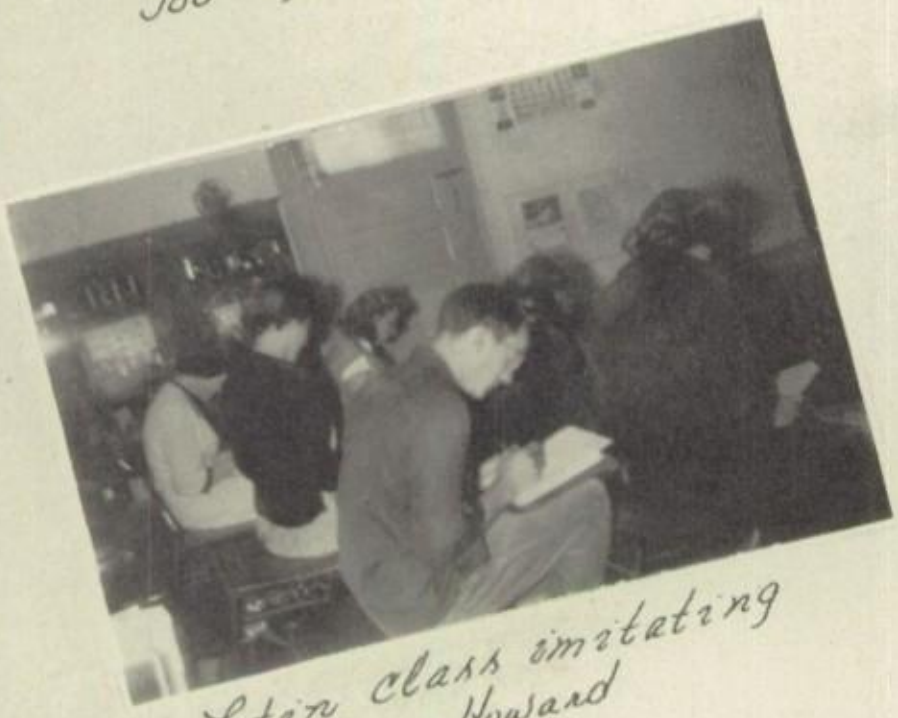


Too lazy to play soft ball

Getting a hair cut.



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How he felt
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The
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Turn Around

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Quotations

L.C. Blanks: For he who is honest is noble,
Whatever his fortunes or birth.

George Henry Gravitt: The manly part is to do
With might and main what
you can do.

Walter Oakley: Far may we search before we find
A heart so manly and so kind!

Edward Talbott: To speak his thought is every
freeman's right.

Franklin Wilborn: When the fight begins within
himself, a man's worth some-
thing.

Geneva Allred: Her grace and charm we love,
Her friendship we cherish.

Delora Barnett: What's true beauty but fair vir-
tue's face?

Louise Cole: A sweet attractive kind of grace.

Rosalie Conner: A good heart is better than all
The tongues in the world.

Merle Crenshaw: How goodness heightens beauty!

Helen Lowery: She hath a daily beauty in her
life.

Sue Owen: That which is good is always beautiful.

Jean Pool: Looking we liked her, knowing her
we loved her.

Barbara Rickman: For never anything can be a-
miss, when simpleness and
duty tender it.

Alma Spencer: Of such a merry, nimble, stirring
spirit.

Nell Warren: Sweet promptings unto kindest deeds
Were in her very look;

Anne Whitt: Then live we as merry as the day is
long.

Jeanette Woody: And mistress of herself, tho'
China fall.

Shirley Yancey: A lovely girl is above all rank.

SENIOR STATISTICS

Lewis Clifton Blanks, Jr. (L.C.)
Born, December 27, 1934; weight, 135; height, 5 feet, nine inches; eyes, blue; hair brown; baseball, two years; Dragon; Reflector Staff.

George Henry Gravitt
Born September 2, 1935; weight, 140; height, 6 feet; eyes, blue; hair brown; Glee Club, two years; Circulation Manager and Business Manager of the Reflector; Dragon.

Walter Stover Oakley (Hilda)
Born March 3, 1934; height, 5 feet, 11 inches; weight, 205; eyes, blue; hair, dark blond; 4-H Club, 9 years; vice-president of 4-H two years; president of 4-H, one year; treasurer of Senior Class; Glee Club, three years, Newspaper Club, two years; president of Newspaper Club, one year; vice-president of Newspaper Club, one year; Student Council, Senior year; Chief Photographer of The Reflector, Senior year; Health King, Sophomore year; basketball, one year; manager of basketball, Senior year; manager of baseball, one year; Raider.

Edward Charlie Talbott (Jughead)
Born July 12, 1934; height, 5 feet, 9 inches; weight, 142; eyes, blue; hair, brown; member of 4-H Club, two years; treasurer of 4-H Club one year; Library Club, three years; Student Council; Junior year; president of Student Council, Junior year; Glee Club, three years; Newspaper Club, two years; vice-president of Newspaper Club one year; vice-president of Junior Class; basketball squad, three years; captain of basketball in Senior year; Ad Manager of The Reflector; Dragon.

Franklin Wilborne
Born October 3, 1934; height, 6 feet; weight, 155; eyes, brown; hair brown; Newspaper Club, one year; 4-H Club, one year; song leader of 4-H; Glee Club, two years; basketball, three years; Sports Editor of The Reflector; Dragon.

Geneva Tuck Allred
Born February 28, 1935; height 5 feet, 7 inches; weight, 113; eyes, blue; hair, light brown; F.H.A., five years; vice-president of F.H.A. one year; Glee Club, four years; Library Club, one year; Reflector Staff; Assistant Photographer and assistant Ad Editor of The Reflector; Dragon.

Delora Marlene Barnett (Skipper)
Born July 22, 1935; height, 5 feet, 4 inches; weight 128; Beta Club, three years; secretary of Beta Club one year; F.H.A., five years; secretary of F.H.A. one year and president, two years; Library Club, three years; secretary of Student Council one year; president of Junior Class; reporter of Senior Class; Art Editor of The Reflector; Dragon; winner of the Balfour Award in 1952.

Louise Farrell Cole (Blondie)
Born April 29, 1935; height, 5 feet, 5 inches; weight, 119; eyes gray-blue; hair, blonde; F.H.A., three years and its secretary in Senior year; Beta Club, three years and its treasurer of Freshman and Sophomore classes; secretary of Junior class; Student Council and vice-president one year; basketball, four years; softball, five years; Editor-in-chief of The Reflector; Princess in Senior year; Raider; basketball captain two years; softball captain, one year.

Rosalie Alice Conner (Possum)
Born September 18, 1933; height, 5 feet, 9 inches; weight, 148; eyes, brown; hair, brown; Glee Club, four years; 4-H Club, one year; Assistant Literary Editor of The Reflector; Dragon.

Merle Burnette Crenshaw (Squirrel)
Born August 31, 1934; height 5 feet, 3 inches; weight, 110; eyes, brown; hair, brown; Beta Club, two years; Glee Club, two years; Student Council, Senior year; secretary of Senior Class; Literary Editor of The Reflector; Raider.

Helen Pool Lowery
Born February 4, 1934; height, 5 feet, 3 inches; weight, 125; eyes blue; hair, dark brown; Glee Club, four years; 4-H Club, one year; Assistant Literary Editor of The Reflector; Dragon.

Sue Washington Owen (Susie-Q)
Born April 27, 1935; height, 5 feet, 7 inches; weight, 135; eyes, brown; hair, brown; Beta Club, three years and its Program Chairman in Junior year; Glee Club, four years; treasurer of Junior Class; basketball, two years; Dragon; Historical Editor of The Reflector; Senior class historian.

Jean Conner Pool (Pee Wee)
Born July 29, 1934; height, 5 feet, 6 inches; weight, 125; eyes, gray-blue; hair, blonde; F.H.A., four years, its secretary in the second and third years and president in the fourth year; Glee Club, four years; and its president in the fourth year; Library Club, three years, its vice-president in the first year and president in the second and third years; Student Council president one year; vice-president of Sophomore Class; Sports Editor of The Reflector; Dragon; Basketball, four years; softball, four years; manager of basketball, two years and of softball, one year; News paper Club, secretary and treasurer for one year.

Barbara Ann Rickman (Rabbit)
Born June 12, 1934; height, 5 feet, 4 inches; weight, 120; eyes, brown; hair, brown; F.H.A., three years, its president one year and vice-president one year; Student Council, two years, its reporter one year; 4-H Club, two years; Glee Club, four years; vice-president, Freshman class; President, Sophomore Class; president, Senior Class; softball, two years; Assistant Art Editor of The Reflector; Dragon. Miss Cluster Springs, 1952-53.

Alma B. Spencer (Jet-Propelled)
Born May 28, 1935; height, 5 feet, 6 inches; weight, 112; eyes, grey; hair, blonde; F.H.A., three years; its treasurer two years; Beta Club, three years; Glee Club, three years; its secretary one year; Library Club, two years; Assistant Photographer of The Reflector; softball, three years; Raider.

Nellie Sue Warren (Nell)
Born September 1, 1934; height, 5 feet, 4 inches; weight, 110 eyes, blue; hair, blonde; F. H.A., three years; Beta Club, three years; Library Club, three years, its secretary, two years, and vice-president, one year; secretary of The Reflector; Dragon.

Mary Jeanette Woody (Sunshine)
Born May 19, 1935; height, 5 feet, 6 inches; weight, 121; eyes, gray; hair blonde; Glee Club, four years; basketball, three years; softball, four years and its manager one year; Dragon.

Shirley Ann Yancey (Cookie)
Born June 5, 1935; height, 5 feet, 5 inches; weight 133; eyes, greenish-blue; hair, dark brown; F. H.A., three years, vice-president one year; Glee Club, four years, vice-president one year; Library Club, two years; Student Council, its president one year; secretary of the Freshman Class; secretary of the Sophomore Class; vice-president of the Senior Class; Assistant Photographer and Ad Editor of The Reflector; Princess of the Senior Class; Dragon; basketball, four years; softball four years.

Anne V. Whitt (Roll)
Born July 11, 1935; height, 5 feet, 5 inches; weight 131; eyes, gray; hair, auburn; F.H.A., four years; Glee Club, four years; Library Club, one year; basketball, four years; Assistant Ad. Editor of The Reflector; Dragon.

In Appreciation

We have now reached the end of work on the Reflector. It has truly been both work and play. We, the Seniors, wish now to express our appreciation to our sponsor Miss Howard. Because she always sees our good and believes in us, because of her Christian faith and the faith she inspires in us, because of her warm human sympathy and devotion to us, because of her enthusiastic, patient effort for us, because of her joyful, thoughtful approach to life and keen, delightful sense of humor, we, with love and appreciation, salute our class sponsor, Miss Howard.

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